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## AEF in vogue

Nearly 600 people attended the AIDS Emergency Fund's annual kick-off dinner February 19. En Vogue was the unannounced guest. AEF officials are counting the money raised.

(Photo: Rick Gerhart)

## Navy Retaliates Against Sailor For Alleging Schindler Cover-up

by David O'Connor

The *USS Belleau Wood* sailor who spoke anonymously three weeks ago about the Navy's bungled investigations into Allen Schindler's murder has decided to go public.

Petty Officer Third Class Keith Sims told the *Bay Area Reporter* he has been threatened with criminal charges for talking with the press. Superior officers also told him he is under investigation — although they won't say why — and have indicated he may be sent back to Japan, where Schindler was killed.

Sims, 20, said he thinks the investigation is an attempt to discredit him because he spoke critically of the Navy's actions leading up to and fol-

lowing Schindler's death. He fears he will be sent back to Japan, not to give testimony in the murder trial, but to be silenced.

Sims said he decided to speak openly to the press because he fears for his safety if he returns to Japan, and because it may be more difficult for the Navy to silence him if he is a public figure.

"The Navy is retaining me in fear of exposing a command cover-up," Sims charged. "The policy in the military is you better not be the one who makes ripples in the water no matter how much you know. That's the root of a lot of fear that I have."

Sims said he also believes

he may be in danger at Treasure Island, where he is stationed now, and where he said tension between gay and straight sailors reminds him of conditions on the *Belleau Wood*.

Sims' San Francisco lawyer, Steve Collier, said the Navy is holding Sims illegally.

"The Navy has not issued an order placing him on legal hold," Collier said. "They have no legal right to hold him ... but they still have jurisdiction over him. He's under a lot of pressure."

Sims arrived at Treasure Island January 28, expecting to be discharged during the first week of February. But

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## Navy Moves To Discharge Gay Sailor

United Press International

SEATTLE — A military panel has recommended that a gay sailor be discharged from the Navy, despite a presidential prohibition on such action until a new policy on gays in the military is adopted.

Petty Officer Matthew Philips, who served aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz*, announced he was gay last November after the election of President Clinton.

Navy spokesman Commander Bob Anderson said Philips's sexual orientation was the only factor considered by the board. He said the recommendation was made according to a recent directive from the secretary of the Navy on how to handle such cases.

The move, which did not

formally separate Philips from the Navy, came February 10, one day after a federal judge refused to halt the proceedings. Now the recommendation of the panel has been forwarded to the Navy secretary and the U.S. attorney general for review. In the meantime, Philips will likely be put on standby reserve, meaning he will be stripped of all duties and receive no pay or benefits.

Under a compromise agreement last month with the Senate, President Clinton directed the military to adopt a new policy by July 15 that would allow gays and lesbians with good conduct to serve in the military.

In the meantime, Clinton ordered that no one be discharged from the service solely due to their sexual orientation. ▼

## The B.A.R. Celebrates Black History Month



## Hometown Hit: Pomo Afro Homos

by Nancy Boutillier

Postmodern African-American Homosexuals — collectively crowned Pomo Afro Homos and individually known as Djola Bernard Branner, Brian Freeman, and Eric Gupton — have taken their show on the road, and the crowds keep coming back for more.

*Fierce Love: Scenes From Black, Gay Life* began as an invitation to put together a show for Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint. Three talented writer/actors, a few performances, and plenty of word of mouth later, and Pomo Afro Homos were a hometown hit. It was humor with an edge, and a finely honed one at that. One show led to another, and *Dark Fruit* appeared with fewer laughs, more edge, and as much success.

In Alaska last fall, amid protest and controversy that smelled of censorship, Pomo Afro Homos prevailed, and *Fierce Love* went on. Tickets were the hottest thing east of the Valdez spill, with every politician and preacher feeling a civic or clerical duty to check it out.

Now, colleges are clamoring. Black student associations are joining together with gay student organizations to bring Pomo Afro Homos to campus — a combined effort that pleases Brian Freeman. In noting a recent "crossover" trend in the audiences — more straight viewers than in the past — Freeman surmises that the media attention surrounding the ban on gays in the military has many straight Americans wanting a window into gay life.

And what a world of passion, pain, fear, and frolic the group creates! Pomo Afro Homo shows are insightful and intense. While it's too early to say whether or not the Pomo Afro Homos will be remembered by history, it's already certain they won't be forgotten by those who dare take a look in the window. ▼

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## Welsh Denies Lesbian Harassment Report

by Dennis Conkin

Allegations that Police Officer Joanne Welsh sought a transfer from Mission Station because she was sexually harassed by lesbian police officers are "totally untrue," she says.

The claims about Welsh — whose charges that she was sexually harassed by Chief of Police Anthony Ribera when he was a lieutenant at Mission Station in the late 1980s are under investigation by the Police Commission — were made by a retired police sergeant,

and surfaced last week in published news reports.

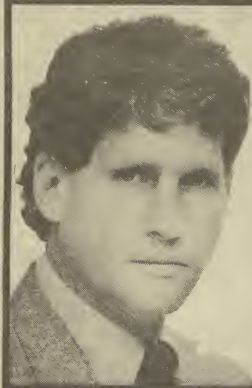
"They are totally untrue. I have many friends who are lesbian," Welsh told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

"I'm the vice president of the Women's Officers Network and I'm the only straight woman on the association's executive board," she said. "They are just totally untrue. I can't say it any stronger than that."

Welsh told the *B.A.R.* the charges were "an obvious attack attempting to discredit

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## Community News



Different Light employees Xavier (left) Tommi Avicolli Mecca, George, and Rick Cremeens display the telephone system box that sparked a fire in the book store. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## Fire at Different Light

by Dennis Conkin

A Different Light Bookstore on Castro Street suffered more than \$25,000 in damages, expenses, and business loss after a small fire broke out in the store's brand new telephone switching equipment on February 18.

The fire, according to owner Richard LaBonte, was confined to a small closet at the end of the shop's popular magazine browsing rack.

"A customer was reading *Mandate* magazine or something and yelled fire. Tommi Avicolli Mecca was on duty at the register and ran over with

a fire extinguisher. His friend Ted got the fire extinguisher from the back," LaBonte told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

The store had only had the ATT telephone system installed a week earlier — and already has a bill for having new equipment re-installed.

"We'll be damned if they'll get us to pay that bill," LaBonte said.

The closet contained merchandise such as greeting cards and T-shirts.

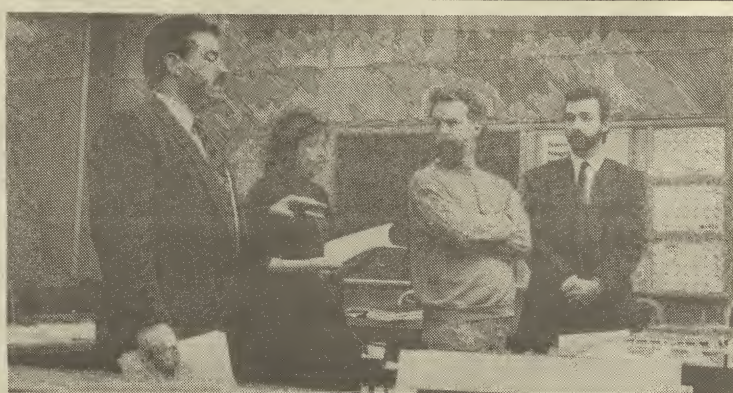
Some of the damage is water damage caused when the Fire Department extinguished the small blaze, but the major expense is from

having the store completely re-wired, LaBonte said.

The book store was closed last Thursday and Friday and re-opened for business on February 20. None of the book stock was damaged and operations are back to normal — save for a faint lingering odor of melted plastic garbage bags.

"The smell of burning wigs is in the air," LaBonte said.

But it won't linger long — LaBonte said that a faithful customer has already brought in a supply of potpourri from Gump's to help freshen the air. ▼



Prosecutor Steven Seiler (left) with Wayne Bruce Lee (with arms crossed) and his lawyers. (Photo: Judi Parks)

## Charges Vacated in Lee Case

by Dennis Conkin

A San Francisco Superior Court Judge dismissed attempted murder charges against a gay man with HIV infection who was accused of spattering police officers with his blood last October.

The felony charges against Wayne Bruce Lee were dismissed on February 22 by Superior Court Judge David Garcia.

Garcia granted the motion for dismissal, filed by attorney Susan Kaplan of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, based on the evidence presented at a preliminary hearing last year.

Lee was arrested by four police officers at the corner of Laguna and Hayes streets af-

ter his roommates notified police that Lee had unsuccessfully tried to inject drain cleaner into his blood stream and had struck his fist through a window, seriously injuring himself.

During the incident, Lee allegedly threatened the officers with HIV infection and spattered them with blood, according to police reports.

The claims were disputed by Kaplan, who also asserted that none of Lee's blood came into contact with the arresting officers' eyes or mouths.

Lee was originally charged with four counts of felony assault but the charges were enhanced by the District Attorney's Office following a preliminary hearing last November.

"Judge David Garcia dismissed the charges based on the corpus of the transcript of the preliminary hearing. We're reviewing our options," Assistant District Attorney Steve Seiler told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

The charges filed against Lee were "way overblown," and should never have been filed in the first place, San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Brown told the *B.A.R.*

"They just go to show the hysteria level of certain people in the law enforcement community. The cops get so excited in dealing with a person who might have HIV infection that they just freak out. It was probably a misdemeanor at most," Brown said. ▼

# Marky Mark Apologizes to Gays, Asians

United Press International

NEW YORK — Rap star and underwear pitchman Marky Mark apologized February 18 for bias attacks he committed as a teenager and urged his fans to be tolerant of ethnic minorities and gays.

Actually, his manager read the apology to Asian and gay activists at a press conference at high noon in the middle of Times Square, underneath a huge billboard advertisement for Calvin Klein underwear that features Mark in his briefs. Mark was in Hawaii.

The white rapper from Dorchester, Massachusetts, also promised to make public service television tapes telling his fans it is not right "to beat up people because your friends are doing it."

The action by the 21-year-old rap star came after the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation threatened to demonstrate against Mark and Calvin Klein.

Mark's recent public rela-

tions problems began after he appeared on a British TV show in January with reggae singer Shabba Ranks, who told the interviewer that gays "should be crucified." Mark said nothing on the show.

Earlier, Calvin Klein issued a statement that condemned bias violence, but defended Mark as "a reformed young man who's grown way beyond his years as a result of a particularly difficult childhood."

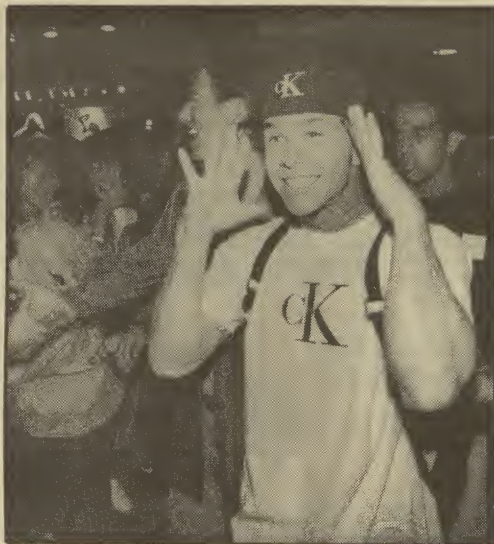
In the statement read by Mark's black manager, Dick Scott, the rapper said, "I just want to set the record straight."

"In 1986, I harassed a group of school kids on a field trip. Many of the students were African-Americans. In 1988, I assaulted two Vietnamese men over a case of beer. Racist slurs and lan-

guage were used during these encounters, and people were seriously hurt. I am truly sorry for what I did.

"I was a teenager and intoxicated when I did these things, but that's no excuse. Nor is it OK to beat up people because your friends are doing it. I know there are kids out there doing the same stuff now, and I just want to tell them, 'Don't do it.'"

"Asian Pacific-Americans, African-Americans, and all people have the right to live free of violence and harassment. I want to make it clear that I condemn anti-gay hatred and violence," Mark said. Monona Yin, spokeswoman for the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence, said her organization decided to go after Mark when his juvenile record became known to his fans.



Marky Mark says don't bash gays.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

In calling off the threatened action, Yin read a statement praising Mark for his decision.

"We are pleased that

Marky will continue to educate young people about the seriousness of all bias violence through public service announcements," she said. ▼

## Dance-A-Thon Scheduled

by Dennis Conkin

More than 5,000 people are expected at the AIDS Dance-A-Thon, San Francisco's largest dance party to benefit AIDS organizations, on March 13 at Fort Mason.

Proceeds from last year's benefit, which drew more than 4,000 participants, raised \$865,000 for local AIDS service groups.

This year the fundraiser benefits Mobilization Against AIDS, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Shanti Project, American Indian AIDS Institute, Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project, Instituto Familiar De La Raza, Prevention Point, and Project Inform.

The five-hour dance extravaganza features some of the nation's most popular live performers, together with the Bay Area's top DJ's. Among the entertainers scheduled to appear are Queen Latifa and C. C. Peniston.

Dancers at the event are sponsored by their friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers, who donate money for each hour that they dance. Because of space limitations, admission is limited to pre-registered participants who bring a minimum of \$75 in contributions from sponsors to turn in at the event. This year's Dance-A-Thon has been promoted by mega-superstar Madonna, who recently sent letters to thousands of Northern Californians inviting them to participate. R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe is also promoting the event.

For more information about the event or to pre-register for the fundraiser contact the AIDS Dance-A-Thon at 392-9255. ▼

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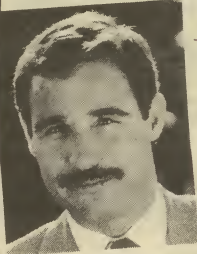
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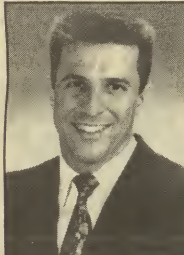
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## National News

# Senate Votes To Exclude HIV-Positive Immigrants...

by Steve Gerstel

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate voted February 18 to prohibit President Clinton from fulfilling a campaign pledge that would have permitted HIV-positive aliens to enter the United States as immigrants.

The Senate approved 76-23 a GOP-engineered amendment that would turn the current policy of exclusion into law.

It was the second time in the earliest days of the Clinton presidency that Republicans challenged him on pledges made to gays during the 1992 election campaign.

In the first showdown, Clinton won a temporary victory when the Senate voted to delay for six months an executive order to allow gays into the military and rejected a proposal that would have kept the president from lifting the ban unless Congress approved.

Opponents of allowing gays in the armed services were expected to make a new effort when the six-month study expires.

But last Thursday, Clinton's proposed plan to issue an executive order to allow persons carrying the Human Immunodeficiency Virus into the country was soundly drubbed after the Senate rejected 56-42 a compromise that would have only delayed any action by the president for four months, pending a study.

Representative Bill McCollum (R-Florida) said he would seek House enactment of a similar prohibition.

At the White House, spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said the vote "changes things somewhat" in terms of an ongoing review the president has been conducting concerning the overall U.S. policy on Haitian immigration, as well as the question of those infected with the AIDS virus.

"He's reviewing his options," said Myers. "The Senate vote changes things somewhat."

The ban on immigration was added as an amendment to a five-year, nearly \$20 billion re-authorization of the National Institutes of Health bill that was vetoed last year by former President Bush because it overturned a ban on the use of fetuses from abortions for medical research.

Clinton, by executive order, removed the ban on fetal research, ending any opposition to the legislation, although it establishes some safeguards, such as prohibiting the sale or purchase of fetal tissue.

The legislation places much greater emphasis on research into cancers that strike women and initiates a number of AIDS projects, ranging from research to clinical care.

Senator Don Nickles (R-Oklahoma), the prime sponsor of making the ban a law, said Clinton's proposal was "a very serious mistake that will cost lives. No question, if we change this policy ... and if they [the immigrants] don't change their social behavior, they will infect others and they will die."

Nickles added, "It will also cost dollars, big dollars" and predicted that many of the

immigrants would wind up on Medicaid.

"This amendment is not gay bashing," Nickles said. "This amendment is about protecting the health of Americans. Let's protect lives."

But Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Massachusetts) said three-fourths of the HIV-positive immigrants who are already in the country illegally have contracted the virus here.

"And what are they going to do? They are going to go underground," Kennedy warned.

But Nickles said, "If the policy changes, we will have thousands coming into the country because we have good health care. It threatens the health and safety of countless Americans."

The Centers for Disease Control has examined the list of eight excludable diseases—including the HIV virus—and determined that only infectious tuberculosis should be retained because it is the only one that can be transmitted by air or casual contact. The American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association and other public health groups agree with this determination.

The Nickles amendment calls for an exhaustive study of the health and cost impact of allowing entry into the country and provides waivers for attending educational or medical conferences, receiving medical treatment, visiting close family members, conducting temporary business activities and tourism. ▼



Haitian refugees demonstrated in San Francisco Bay last August.

(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

## ...As HIV-Positive Haitians Starve

United Press International

NORFOLK — A hunger strike among more than 200 adult Haitian migrants protesting their detention at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has entered its fourth week, a Navy spokesman said February 19.

Navy Lieutenant Commander Gordon Hume, spokesperson for the U.S. Atlantic Command, said 224 adults have declared they are partic-

ipating in the hunger strike, which began January 28.

"We still do have some instances of dehydration, and those cases are being taken care of by providing fluids orally to those who have had some dehydration or in a couple of cases fluids have been provided by IV," he said. "There are no life-threatening type of cases."

"I can tell you that the medical staff down there is providing whatever assistance

that the migrants request," Hume said.

He said 265 Haitians are being detained at Guantanamo. That includes 215 infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and 50 defendants.

He said the number had been 267, but on February 16 a father and his one-year-old son who both were HIV-negative were allowed to come to the United States, while the HIV-infected mother remained at the base. ▼

# Creating 'A Group of Nomads' Filipinos Face 'Double Jeopardy' With Governments' Actions

by Rene M. Astudillo

On February 15, Rafael Chang, public policy coordinator for the Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition (APAC) in San Francisco, wrote Bill Clinton to express support for the president's plan to lift the United States' ban on immigrants and travelers with HIV and AIDS. Two days later, Chang got a response — not from the president, but from 93 members of the Senate who had voted in favor of a legislation permanently banning HIV-infected people from immigrating to the United States.

To many in the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community, last Thursday's Senate vote came as a surprise, and most are angered by the sneaky tactics used to bring the ban about — by attaching it to the broader National Institutes of Health Reauthorization bill.

Advocates of health and immigration rights in the Filipino community — the largest API group in this country — find a double jeopardy hanging over their heads: just weeks before the Senate action on the HIV ban, the Philippines government proposed to require HIV tests for all Filipinos returning from overseas employment. It was unclear whether the purpose of the test was to bar HIV-positive Filipinos from returning to the Philippines or to lay the groundwork for some form of quarantine for those Filipinos who may have been infected by the virus while working or living overseas.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Epee Rafanan, who coordinates the Filipino AIDS Hotline, expressed concern that between the actions taken by the United States and the Philippines, "we will

be creating a group of nomads who can neither stay in the U.S. nor return to their home country, because they have been infected by HIV."

According to the Filipino Task Force on AIDS, which has contracts with the Department of Public Health to do AIDS education and provide direct care services in San Francisco's Filipino community, a large number of undocumented immigrants as well as non-permanent residents are trying to legalize their stays in the United States. The agency fears the HIV ban on immigration would drive those who are HIV-infected further underground and prevent them from accessing the needed health intervention.

There are close to 300,000 Filipinos living in the nine counties of the Bay Area. It is estimated that 50,000 Filipinos immigrate to America every year. In the API community, Filipinos have the highest incidence of AIDS in San Francisco, as well as in the entire state of California.

Most API AIDS agencies are still grappling with social, cultural, and religious barriers that result, among other things, in continued lack of information — or worse, misconceptions — about HIV and its transmission. The decision by the Senate to legislate the current HIV immigration policy is seen by API leaders as sending a false message to members of their communities, as well as to the mainstream population, about HIV: to their mind, it unnecessarily reinforces the fear that HIV can be casually transmitted.

Alameda-based AIDS educator Welmin Militante told the *Bay Area Reporter* that he was astonished at assumptions by supporters of the ban that HIV-infected immigrants



Gay Asian Pacific Alliance marches at AIDS Candlelight Memorial last September.

(Photo: Phyllis Christopher)

will consciously and irresponsibly expose "innocent" citizens to the virus.

Chang perceives some race bias in the argument that the United States can no longer afford to take in new medical cases in the event that HIV-infected foreigners are allowed to permanently reside in this country. He noted that the greater bulk of prospective immigrants who will be affected by the ban are Latinos, Asians, and Haitians.

"From an Asian perspective," Chang told the *B.A.R.*, "the U.S. is one of the major exporters of the AIDS virus," and should show "responsibility" by opening its doors to

those who have been affected by the disease.

John Silva, executive director of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project, called the Senate vote a "blatant act of discrimination against people with HIV and AIDS." He questioned the logic of singling out HIV in barring immigrants from entering this country, when people with other health problems can become wards of the American health care system. Silva blames the American government's support of regressive regimes elsewhere — in the Philippines, for example, and Haiti — for the influx of immi-

grants from those countries. At the same time, he said, it is not the immigrants that are causing the financial drain in the health care system, but the misdirection of government money based on lopsided priorities.

API leaders were as one in saying that they are not about to give up their fight against the HIV immigration ban. They expressed hope that their colleagues in the mainstream AIDS community will continue to support their cause, notwithstanding the fact that the approved Senate bill does not ban temporary travel to the U.S. by HIV-infected foreigners. ▼

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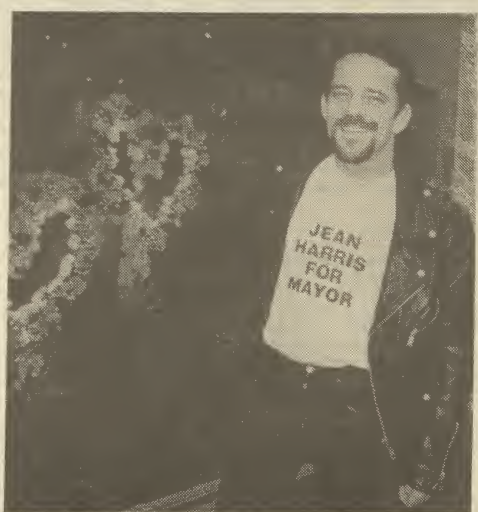
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## Editorial

### Odds 'n' Ends

A friend who has been suffering a lot of AIDS-related pains lately told us that when he asked his doctor for pain medicine recently, the physician went through several moments of the hemming and hawing that usually precedes the dispensing of any pain killer — and, for that matter, the rejection of such a request.

How curious, our friend thought, that the doctor would be so willing — even anxious — to prescribe AZT, ddI, ddC, and a host of other seriously toxic medicines (yes, we know they prove to be helpful to many, and we aren't disputing that) — none of which he wanted — but when it came time to address his all-too-human pain and suffering, the hemming and hawing had to begin.

Perhaps it's the Puritan ethic, an outgrowth of the whole "grin and bear it; take your lumps" school of American thought; perhaps it's because of the so-called Drug War (the Vietnam of the 1990s), but in any case, doctors seem all too willing to allow unnecessary physical misery and all too reluctant to allot the medicine that can stop it. As our friend pointed out, the danger of his becoming addicted to a painkiller is pretty slight when compared with the other, very real, dangers he now faces.

We urge doctors to be as compassionate as possible on this front. Not that we want to see every PWA in the country wearing a morphine patch, but we would like to see their simple requests for pain medicine honored, and in such a way that they aren't made to feel like criminals for asking.

On a somewhat similar note, we see that the California Medical Association has initiated a move to strip Dr. Jack Kevorkian of his medical licence here.

We wonder if it is because they genuinely believe that Kevorkian is a bad doctor — an offense that, frankly, costs too few doctors their practices — or because he is messing with the medical establishment's time-honored tradition of sucking the last few (hundreds of thousands of) dollars from dying people.

We know that hospitals and their staffs are supported by the rental of those machines that drip and pump and manipulate, but we believe the patient has the final say about when enough has been enough. The people Kevorkian has helped die were in control of their mental faculties, even if their physical bodies were broken, and they had the right ("endowed by their Creator," etc.) to decide how they wished their lives to end.

And although we couldn't do Kevorkian's work, that doesn't make it any less important to those he assists.

Now we turn from the right to die with dignity to the right to live with dignity. That is a concept that apparently is lost on rapper Shabba Ranks, who freely tells anyone who will listen that he believes gays exist only to be killed.

We mention this because Queen Latifah, who sang backup on Ranks's recent album, will be performing at the AIDS Dance-A-Thon. So far she has not repudiated Ranks's position on gay bashing; we believe it is something she needs to do now. Now, before she appears at the Dance-A-Thon, unless she wishes to see it become a Scream-A-Thon.

Remember, it was anti-gay violence that killed Allen Schindler, not AIDS; Queen Latifah's appearance at an AIDS benefit will do nothing for the victims of violence. She must speak out about the other epidemic or, in our view, she is an interloper at the event.

We don't need to suck up to performers who, in turn, suck up to those who wish to see us dead.



## Guest Opinion

### A Woman's View of the Military Ban

by Pat King, California Veterans Advocacy

As a healthy, libidinous, heterosexual female, I must admit to a certain degree of malicious humor at the gays-in-the-military battle. Hypocrisy has its tail in a crack and is squealing like a pig.

One of the more amusing aspects is the announcement by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, that we face total demoralization of our fighting forces if we allow gay soldiers to come out of the closet. The very thought of a doe-eyed look from a gay man can evidently induce more terror than Napalm. Soldiers decorated for valor will be reduced to quivering jelly at the thought, "He might peek at my pee-pee!"

General Powell should not be allowed to resign early over differences with the president. Rather, he should be court-martialed for breach of security, for revealing our ultimate defense vulnerability. He has informed America's enemies that they need no longer spend billions preparing their enemies against us; indeed, all they need do is send in their Purple Pansy Platoon and our soldiers will flee the battlefield in terror. The only ones left to defend our frontiers will be still-closeted gays and not-trained-for-combat women.

As I watch soldier after soldier publicly state his fears of molestation by gays, I can't help but hear the echo of what we women must live with on a daily basis. Interestingly, no comparable fears have been heard from women in the military, who evidently have been toughened by a lifetime of walking past construction sites — and Tailhook conventions.

Male soldiers now talk of their fear of rape, as if they were the only potential victims. But when women tell of unwelcome sexual ad-

vances, we are told to "just handle it." Besides which, we "ask for it" anyway by dressing or acting in "too tempting" a manner.

I propose those terrified soldiers be enlisted to draft behavior standards they would impose to protect themselves from gays. Then write the law to proscribe all such behavior equally, without reference to the sex or sexual preference of the perpetrator or the "victim." This would establish a new and (especially for heterosexual males) easily recognizable standard of sexual harassment — if you don't want a gay man to do it to you, don't do it to a woman.

And if sexual behavior between consenting adults (that horrible "sodomy" stuff) is to be regulated off-duty and off-base, let it also be equally regulated — and equally investigated and equally prosecuted — for heterosexual couples, married or not. It'll be interesting to watch straight soldiers' and sailors' reactions when they realize they face dishonorable discharges for asking their ladies for either head or tail.

If there is any obscenity in this whole business, it is the self-righteous, judgmental pontificating by the pious pharisees of the religious right. They stand on the Bible as a soapbox from which to condemn that which they will not seek to understand. And they do it in the name of the one who taught us first of all to love one another and to judge not.

Finally, if Congress wants to pass laws about sexual behavior, let it start by setting clear-cut standards for its own members (who have now exempted themselves from current standards.) Let Congress make the penalty a dishonorable discharge (i.e., expulsion) for members who violate those standards. Certainly our august senators and representatives should be held to standards no lower than those imposed upon a buck private or sailor. ▼

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## Letters

### "Gays in the Military — Never!"

When I wrote this letter (B.A.R., Feb. 11), I was being facetious. How on earth anyone in their right mind could possibly have supposed otherwise is utterly beyond me. I am simply flabbergasted! The tone of the whole letter was, from beginning to end, sardonic in the extreme! Every sentence was just dripping with sarcasm.

I had wanted to poke fun at the ridiculous bigotry of people like our dear friend, Jesse Helms, by underscoring the ludicrousness of their reasoning (if one can even call it reasoning), and I chose as my venue, *parody*!

For those good people who did not get it first time around, let me make myself perfectly clear:

The ban on gays in the military is stupid and unconstitutional and wrong.

There! Is that plain enough (simple enough)?

Now, please stop with the unpleasant, anonymous phone calls, O.K.? Thank you.

Leon Duych  
San Francisco

### Calling for an Investigation

This past week, the San Francisco Examiner, in a front-page story, told us of misappropriation of funds, including using agency funds for personal purposes and agency executives giving themselves interest-free "loans," which occurred at AIDS Indigent Direct Services.

A few months ago, executives at CURAS were caught loaning themselves interest-free, agency money.

I call on the B.A.R. to print photos of these people so that we may know who is helping themselves to money intended to care for those afflicted with AIDS.

I call on the District Attorney to investigate the executives of these two agencies. An interest-free loan, not repaid of course, although we may be sure these people "intended to pay the loan back right away," is theft and should be prosecuted.

I call on the AIDS Office of the Department of Public Health to if necessary, act as bookkeeper for some of these dozens of AIDS-careerist agencies which, in the aggregate, show more and more signs of being just like our city government: run exclusively for the benefit of the people who work there.

Eric Llanaez  
San Francisco

### We Want the Vaccines Now!

Vaccines are ready now. Sound the alarm. The AIDS researchers are again dragging their feet on the mass production and distribution of the various vaccines that have been developed. The findings are very encouraging and many researchers will say privately that a cure has been found. But, the straight white males who run things do not care if another 50,000 gay men die (let alone minorities, drug users and women).

The benefits so hugely outweigh the risks that all HIV people should be given one of the more than seven vaccines that have been developed NOW! We must push President Clinton to make this happen. The first vaccine ever developed didn't take a tenth as much time as the AIDS establishment wants to take today. That doctor injected hundreds of volunteers amidst ridiculing political cartoons. Start giving vaccines now to HIV+ people! Save lives!

Compared with AZT and DDI, the new vaccines are millions of times more productive. Let's all do something — NOW!! Write to Michael Thomas, Vaccines Against HIV Forum, 1235 No. Orange Grove Ave., No. 4, Los Angeles, CA. 90046.

Michael Thomas  
Los Angeles, CA.

### Swedish Woman Searches for Information

My name is Pia Garde and since 1987 I have been working on a book about HIV and AIDS. I have interviewed many people in San Francisco and I have tried to keep in touch with them through letters and telephone from Sweden where I live.

Unfortunately, I have lost contact with some of the people who have passed away and I am now trying to reconstruct what has happened to them.

I am writing in an attempt to try to locate people who knew my friends Larry Watkins who passed away in 1990 and Jeff Shannon who passed away in 1988. I seek one man who probably shared an apartment with Larry at the time of his death — Rick Brandon.

I am also trying to find a man called Tim Freese (maybe Freeze?), who had a memorial service or gathering after Jeff Shannon's death. I want to know what happened to Larry and Jeff during the last months of their lives. I would be extremely grateful to anyone who can help me with this situation. If you know them or know where I can reach them, I would appreciate hearing from you. Please write to me: Pia Garde, Wollmar Yxkullsgatan 2, 11850 Stockholm, Sweden. My phone number is: 08-643-4851.

Pia Garde  
Stockholm, Sweden

### Viral Apartheid

This is in response to the recent debate raised by your article entitled "Viral Apartheid," B.A.R., Jan. 7.

Seldom have I witnessed such blatant discrimination in print as the invitation to "Join Negatives Being Positive and their like-status friends" for a social activity. When was the last time any of us picked up a newspaper to read "Whites and their white-skinned friends only?" Have we now assumed the roles of finger-pointer, accuser, judge and segregationist? Without doubt there are issues for HIV-negative persons which need discussion in a therapeutic setting. Survival guilt, loss and abandonment issues are all very real and deserve attention. I applaud therapy and/or group discussion of these issues. Sharing and verbalization are essential tools in dealing with these and other problematic feelings. However, I feel that the exclusion of persons based solely on their HIV status in social settings is nothing but the "viral apartheid" discussed in your article. There is a difference in both funding and attending a group therapy session for HIV-negative men only and a river rafting expedition for the same. I do not believe that ostracism was the intent of the founders of this group but I hope that this issue will be addressed. It is a legitimate fear that this sort of segregation could lead to further division within our community.

Are these the lines soon to be heard at all the "right parties?" "It's not that I'm prejudiced, it's that I'm so tired of hearing about it! They should have their places and we should have ours." "Some of my best friends are HIV-positive!" Or this could be the decisive pick-up line of the future: "Here's my official HIV-negative card and as you can see, I was checked just last Monday. May I see yours before we go any further?"

Do we really want to be the purveyors of segregated events, neighborhoods or water fountains? Does the "healthy, normal majority" (if indeed it is any of these things) of HIV-negative gays really want to assume the dubious distinction of finger-pointer, segregationist, shame-giver? Has the HIV-negative community already forgotten what it is like to be the unaccepted outsider? How soon before this derision sparks a response group calling itself the "Positives Being Negative" which wages terrorist tactics and ketchup-smears at their Negatives' potlucks on Angel Island?

Joseph M. Harris  
San Francisco

### Leather Community Says Thanks

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the beer/soda bust at the SF Eagle on Sunday, Jan. 24. Your help and support was and is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the SF Eagle for providing the venue and the opportunity to host the event. As always, manager Terry Thompson and everyone on his staff was supportive and most helpful. A big thank you for the beer pourers. It was a rough one due to the big crowd and your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Steve Gaynes, Rob Marvin and Russ Elliott for pitching in wherever help was needed. And thanks to the Pacific Bears California LMC and the AIDS Emergency Fund.

In addition, we would like to thank Metz, Mr. S Leather, Sarah Lashes, Desmondus, Inc., International Mr. Leather, Inc. and Janet Ryan for their generous donations of auction items. And finally, a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Marcus and Jerry Roberts for always being there and supportive in every way.

As we travel to other communities around the country, we always come home knowing that we belong to the best. And for that, we thank you!

International Ms. Leather Blair  
International Mr. Leather Lenny Broberg  
International Mr. Drummer Emerson Briney  
International Drummer Boy John Hare

### Honesty in The City

I want to bring to your attention an act of extreme kindness and honesty by one of the city's gay community which I experienced while briefly a tourist in San Francisco.

I left a bag containing a wallet with cash, traveler's checks and passport in the rest room of a restaurant when I was in a hurry.

When I found it was missing, I returned and it was not there, so imagine my surprise and delight when I arrived back at my hotel to find that someone had found it and rung the hotel.

His name was Kenny Chapman and he works at Steamworks in Berkeley. He said there was a card from the hotel in the bag and that's how he knew where to get in touch with me. I was especially impressed as he was extremely busy at the time. He could have handed it to the manager of the restaurant or to the police, but he wanted to make sure I got it back.

So concerned is he for the reputation of his city and the gay community in particular, that the only reward he wanted was for me to write to your newspaper. This I gladly do and would be most grateful if you could find room to publish it.

Roger Fletcher  
Suffolk, England

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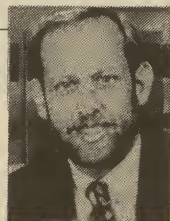
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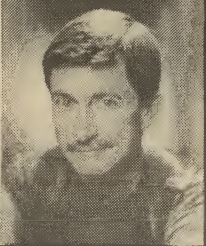
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## National News

### Schindler

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he was notified February 10 that his discharge had been delayed.

Sims served on the *Belleau Wood* from October 1991 until December 1992, when he was removed from the ship after continued harassment from other sailors.

#### Navy 'covering its butt'

In the February 4 issue of the *Bay Area Reporter*, Sims spoke anonymously about his friendship with Schindler and repeated harassment and threats made against them by Airman Charles Vins and Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey.

Sims said that he and Schindler reported the harassment to superior officers as early as January 1992, but the officers ignored the reports.

"The Navy is trying to cover up his complaints that he made prior to the murder about abuse on ship," Collier said. "The military denies that there are gays in the military, so when sailors complain about harassment directed at them for their sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation, command has to go through an analysis about whether to do anything about it, because if they do they have to admit there are gays on ship."

"A murder happened and they could have done something about it," Collier said. "What they're trying to do is say that the gay sailors on the ship are fabricating a story to get out of the military because they're afraid and anti-gay bias was never an aspect in the murder. It's a way of covering their butt from congressional or higher scrutiny."

That scrutiny is coming from congressmembers, including openly gay Representative Gerry Studds (D-Massachusetts) and, reportedly, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-California). Boxer's office did not return phone calls from the B.A.R.

Mark Agrast, a spokesperson for Studds' office, said that a letter signed by Studds and several other members of Congress was sent to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin expressing concern over the conduct of investigations into Schindler's murder.

"We've been trying to work on all the loose strings in this case," Agrast said. "We're working within the Defense Department to keep addressing this. We can't forget the people who are directly in peril as we look at overall policy. This case is not going to die; we are going to get to the truth of this sooner or later because people will accept no less."

#### Navy retaliates

Collier said the investigation against Sims is in retaliation for his criticizing the Navy's handling of Schindler's murder.

"[The investigation] could be a way to hold him, it could be a way to scare him, it could be a witch hunt for gay sailors on that ship," Collier said. "He has called his ship and asked why, they just say, 'you're under investigation.' They won't say why."

Sims graduated in the top 10 percent of his classes at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. He won two academic letters of accommodation, was twice meritoriously advanced in rank



Dorothy Hadjys looks at childhood photos of her slain son, sailor Allen Schindler. Right: Accused killer Terry Helvey. (Photo: Genyphyr Novak)

and has received 4.0 — the highest possible rating — in all his evaluations.

Sims contacted the B.A.R., he said, because Navy investigators ignored his testimony relating to Schindler's murder just as officers had ignored his reports of harassment.

"I made four reports through the chain of command about harassment that I was receiving," he said. "Each was held up and dismissed because I didn't have enough weight as a petty officer."

Schindler was beaten beyond recognition last October in a public bathroom adjacent to Sasebo Naval Base in Japan. Vins and Helvey were implicated in the murder; Helvey faces murder charges in a court-martial set to begin April 27. Vins was given a one-year sentence, later reduced to four months after he pleaded guilty to three lesser charges and agreed to testify against Helvey.

But Sims charges there were three other people involved in the attack on Schindler. The night of the murder, Sims said, he and another sailor approached the bathroom from a bridge about 30 meters away.

"We could see it looked like there were five or six people and they were pushing and shoving this one guy," Sims told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "Three of them took off. They just started running like bats out of hell while the other two were pushing this guy inside the bathroom."

In the dark, Sims said, he couldn't make out who the people were. After going for help, Sims returned to the bathroom to find Schindler — whom at that point he didn't recognize — lying in a pool of blood, still trying to breathe.

When the victim was identified later that night, Sims couldn't believe it was his friend he had seen in the bathroom.

"We were like, 'that wasn't Schindler. That didn't look nothing like him at all.' I was so mad and so upset," Sims said.

Sims said he believes the murder was premeditated.

"I believe they saw Schindler was by himself, they followed him to the park and made sure he was alone, and they attacked him," he said.

Helvey and Vins began harassing Schindler, Sims, and their friends at the end of 1991 — soon after Schindler came aboard the *Belleau Wood*, according to Sims. Schindler sparked resentment

among other sailors because he was open about his sexuality, Sims said.

#### Charges corroborated

Another friend of Sims and Schindler, Airman Richard Eastman, reported to the *Chicago Tribune* that he was attacked in his bunk by three sailors the day before Schindler's murder. Eastman's assailants hit him in the face and said, "We don't want any fags on our ship. Get off before you wind up dead," according to Eastman.

Eastman said he reported the incident to his legal officer but nothing was done about it until Schindler was killed.

Lieutenant Commander Betsy Bird of Pacific Fleet Public Affairs in Hawaii claimed the Navy received no reports of anti-gay harassment before Schindler's murder.

Eastman corroborated Sims' account of events leading up to and following Schindler's murder, including the reports ignored by commanding officers. After reading Sims' interview in the February 4 B.A.R., Eastman said, "Basically, the story says what needs to be said. It got the story across. I agree with it definitely."

Eastman was discharged January 22 and has returned to his home in Michigan.

Sims said he considers *Belleau Wood* commanding officers responsible for Schindler's murder along with Helvey and Vins. He said that Navy investigations of the murder have been hampered by superior officers attempting to protect themselves.

"It's hard to do that much to the military," Sims said. "I'm walking in their territory and they're not going to like it. It's hard fighting something that is so big and powerful."

Working on behalf of Sims are the San Diego Veterans Association and the Bay Area Military Freedom Project, organizations made up of gay and lesbian former military personnel.

Jim Woodward of the San Diego Veterans Association suggested that charges could be brought against *Belleau Wood* commanding officers for failing to act on reports of threats that led to Schindler's murder.

Sims' attorney, Collier, agreed that charges could be brought under the Uniform Code of Military Justice against superior officers who ignored the sailors' complaints of harassment. ▼

# GOPs Go to Sacto

**H**undreds of GOP state central committee members will meet this weekend in Sacramento at the Republican state convention where new party leaders will be chosen and the confab spells trouble — indeed, big trouble — for Governor Pete Wilson. Dr. Tirso del Junco, a former chair of the party, will easily win the job as chair again, but the big party fight centers around the bitter contest for vice chair (who automatically becomes chair in two years).

What the Republicans do this weekend in Sacto will determine whether they stay a political party or a religious party. The fight for the powerful vice chair is between two conservatives, former U.S. Secretary of Energy John Herrington, considered very conservative but still the "moderate" in this race, and insurance executive John McGraw of Menlo Park, the choice of the party's ultra-conservative christian bunch.

It is no secret that the California Republican Party is now firmly in the hands of the far right. Many see the state GOP machinery as nothing less than a subsidiary of fundamentalists groups led by the so-called Christian Coal-

## Commentary

tion and the Traditional Values Coalition. Governor Wilson, clearly not a favorite of those expected at the Sacramento convention, only recently received an invitation to attend and speak — and he has been downgraded to speak to a \$50-per-plate dinner Saturday evening, an event that many anti-Wilson Republicans are expected to stay away from.

Although Wilson has tried lately to curry favor with the fundamentalists now in control of the party, he will not find a friendly reception at the dinner — but you can expect to hear him make further overtures to the conservative crowd. Just how bad do things look for the incumbent? A Field Poll taken earlier this month shows Wilson being defeated next year by either state Treasurer Kathleen Brown (Brown: 53 percent; Wilson: 37 percent) or Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi (Garamendi wins with 51 percent to the governor's 35 percent).

While Wilson is not expected to do well with Democratic voters (only 9 percent of Demos polled said they would vote for him), it is the GOP voters who have the



governor worried. The Field Poll shows that only 49 percent of Republicans say they would vote for the governor again, with an unusually large number now saying they prefer someone other than Wilson.

Those GOP delegates attending this weekend's convention are aware of Wilson's low political standing and a majority of them clearly would prefer someone else, though they will probably swallow hard and stick with him unless they are successful in convincing either ultraconservative Attorney General Dan Lungren or former state Treasurer candidate Bay Buchanan (sister of the bigot Pat Buchanan, and equally right-wing) into a primary race against the governor.

In fact, while the Governor gets to speak only to a dinner Saturday night, Lungren gets to address the full convention Saturday afternoon when the grass-roots delegates all will be attending; even defeated Senate candidate Bruce Herschensohn gets better billing than the governor when he addresses the full convention before it adjourns Sunday afternoon.

What to expect from the ultra-conservative Republican confab? The GOP seemingly hasn't learned any lessons from last November's general election so there will be a strong reaffirmation against abortion in any form, the usual tirade against rights for gays and lesbians, and a resolution is expected to be passed and highlighted supporting the current ban against gays in the military. Not very good news for Pete Wilson, already behind in the polls, who must run for reelection on a party platform crafted in large part by Lou Sheldon and his followers in the Traditional Values Coalition. Incidentally, that same Field Poll shows that if the

primary were held now, Kathleen Brown would wallop Garamendi by 18 points, 48 percent to 30 percent, with 22 percent undecided; with Kathleen Brown and the high-riding Dianne Feinstein heading up the Democratic ticket next year, Pete Wilson (and, we can hope, Dan Lungren) look more and more like one-termers.

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Speaking of Democrats, they, too, will hold their state convention in Sacramento, but not until April 2-4.

Phil Angelides, the popular current state chair, cannot seek re-election (he will likely be a candidate for retiring Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy's job) and Los Angeles television commentator/radio talk show host Bill Press seemingly has the inside track to win the party chair post. At the Demo convention, San Francisco lesbian activist Jean Harris is expected to be a candidate for party secretary and is considered a favorite by some to win the post; either President Bill Clinton or Vice President Al Gore is expected to address the convention.

When the U. S. Senate voted 76-to-23 last week against allowing President Clinton to lift the ban that prevents HIV-infected people from immigrating to this country, only one Republican voted with us (Mark Hatfield of Oregon); both Senators Feinstein and Boxer voted to lift the ban.

Police Chief Tony Ribera recently wrote Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell that San Francisco's gay and lesbian police officers are "among the best we have"; the SFPD has actively recruited gay and lesbian officers since 1979 and of the current 1,700 officers, 138 are openly gay or lesbian.

Washington insiders say the Reverend Jesse Jackson has the inside track to become the new executive director of the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights organization.

So you want to be a federal judge? It would certainly help your chances to know attorney Cris Arguedas, the chair of Senator Boxer's Federal Judiciary Review Committee; Boxer and Feinstein are expected to alternate nominating federal judgeships to the president. (Arguedas, incidentally, is the life partner of Supervisor Carole Migden, who is fast becoming a political powerhouse herself.)

Meanwhile, Pat Robertson (yes, that Pat Robertson)

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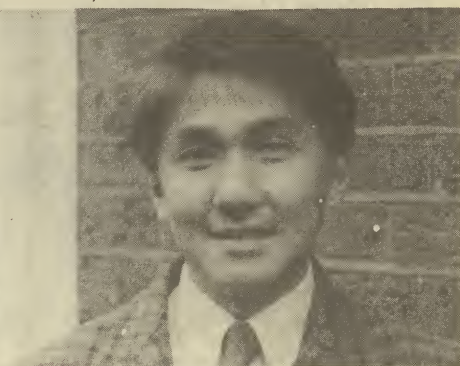
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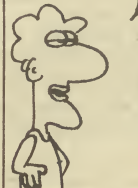
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# Where Laughter Tinkles Among the Teacups

by Nancy Boutilier

Seeing the movie title *Last Call at Maud's* on the Castro Theater marquee recently reminded me that one of the first assignments sent my way when I started writing for this paper two years ago was a story on the loss of women's space in San Francisco.

Old Wives' Tales Bookstore was cutting floor space, Artemis Cafe had closed shop, Amelia's and Cafe San Marcos were on the market, and Francine's was undergoing a sex-change of sorts as its new owner transformed the last women's bar in the Castro to the Edge. Paris Poirier's documentary not only records a slice of lesbian history, but also highlights the passing of an era in which bars served as the primary cultural center—between softball games, that is.

The bar scene has changed, the softball is as competitive as ever, and I wouldn't even dare suggest that I could name the center of lesbian culture. However, there's evidence that, while the specific institutions of one generation may be retiring along with their proprietors and patrons, the legacy of women's community coffee house remains as strong as a double espresso. While women of one generation are moving out of their careers as proprietors, women of another generation are stepping forward with their own dreams of community space.

And those dreams seem to be taking root in the soil of women's coffee houses of days perhaps gone by, but rich with blossoms fresh and new.

For years, Mama Bears Women's Bookstore and Coffeehouse in Oakland has provided a space for literary and musical entertainment. And, in the past year, two new coffeehouses have been opened by women who seem to have as much enthusiasm for a building space for the community as they have invested in running a business.

Last April, another East Bay eatery for women's culture emerged—The Tea Spot Cafe. Located at 2072 San Pablo Avenue (one block from University Avenue) in Berkeley—yes, there is lesbian night life on the other side of the Bay Bridge—The Tea Spot features entertainment ranging from 49er football on the big screen television to the women's erotic dance group Koko Motion. You can find women's country western dancing, live music of all sorts, lesbian and gay comedy, and literary readings at the Tea Spot, though not all on the same evening.

In addition to serving teas, coffees, and desserts, The Tea Spot has a beer and wine selection as well as a substantial food menu. Don't let the tofu scramble, blueberry rice gridle cakes, and lentil millet loaf scare meat eaters away. You can also get meat loaf, BLT's, and beef burgers from the grill.

In September, San Francisco sprouted Red Dora's Bearded Lady on 14th Street



montage by Linda Kidduff

at Guererro. Both Red Dora's and The Tea Spot offer safe space for lesbians without having to declare themselves "women only." Both cafes are smoke-free and offer wholesome assortments of edible offerings while nourishing the soul with a sense of a lesbian community. Like lesbian coffeehouses of days gone by, a culture is being shaped by the music and performance art that is in the lesbian coffeehouses.

Despite all the ways in which they are founded on the feminism of the '70s, they seem to be looking forward rather than back. But, what is most telling about The Tea Spot and Red Dora's Bearded Lady is how different they are.

At Red Dora's you can count on the show starting late, people packed in and sitting on the floor. The lighting is makeshift, a sound system isn't needed, and fashion statements include multiple piercings, Doc Martens, and tattoos in a higher concentration than at the Tea Spot. I've seen lipstick and lace at Red Dora's too, so don't hold me to any generalizations while I'm trying to offer the flavor of the place.

The emphasis is on art—performance art as well as visual art and multimedia productions. Even the tables are wonderful welded works of art at Red Dora's. The performances range from raucous humor to chilling intensity. There's open mike comedy once a week. Shows often include short films, rowdy singers, writers reading original work, and dramatic monologue performances in a single line up. References to sex are often graphic, and gender bending is welcome. No expectation that we are all women born women. This is, after all, the Bearded Lady.

The Tea Spot is a larger space. It's all more ordered. So far, nobody has had to sit on the floor. While it seems to me that the food is the focal point here, the variety and quality of the performers are also top notch.

If there's a distinction to be made here, perhaps you go to the Bearded Lady to see artists and to the Tea Spot to see entertainers... but I have certainly been entertained by many of the artists at Red

Dora's Bearded Lady.

And, judging by last Saturday's fare, Tea Spot entertainers are masters of their crafts. Comedienne Amy Boyd was as on as on could be, both with her prepared set and her improvising with the audience. Singer/songwriter Laura Chandler was terrific with the accompaniment of Todd Moore, Cris Hart, and Becky West and wonderful without any backup but her own guitar. Seize the opportunity—on whichever side of the Bay you want—to see both of these spot's performers.

I do not believe that the differences between the Tea Spot and Red Dora's can be chalked up to the same politics that make Birkenstocks popular in Berkeley while Doc Martens rule in San Francisco. Age may be a factor, but the differences are more complex than a generational split.

The beauty in the differences between the patrons and performances at The Tea Spot and at Red Dora's is

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that the differences reflect the truth that we are not a monolithic lesbian community.

If one woman's dream includes a space that is alcohol- and smoke-free, then let her make that dream real. If another's includes meat loaf and music, well then let it become real. Red Dora's Bearded Lady and the Tea Spot are an opportunity to share in and shape the dream of women's space and culture.

In a time when women's space seems to be shrinking in the Bay Area, it's great to see two new places. And it's great to see that the patrons don't look, think or perform alike. Red Dora's Bearded Lady and the Tea Spot certainly help soften the blow of so many last calls—at Maud's, Amelia's, and the like.

We need more of these spaces if we are ever going to be the broadest, most inclusive community we can be. We need people to create culture that we can call our own. And, we need people with the vision and the courage to dream the space in which that culture can flourish. ▼

# Laws of No Return

by Michael C. Botkin

One of the few things drummed into my head by my childhood religious instructors — who did not, in general, accomplish much with me — was the "Law of Return." A lot was being asked of us frankly lukewarm American Jews: to plant trees in Israel, to visit (and provide free labor for) its "Kibbutz" collective farms, to incessantly lobby Congress to provide billion-dollar subsidies for its military.

All this effort was to some degree justified as an insurance policy, a hedge against a future resurgence of fascism. "If Israel had existed during the rise of Hitler," they said, "the millions who died in the ovens would have had some place to go." As it was, the civilized nations — including the good old USA — turned back boat-loads of refugees, who mostly ended up in concentration camps.

The "Law of Return" states, simply, that any Jew can claim Israeli citizenship.

Now, it was always pretty clear that what constitutes "any Jew" is open to some deliberation. What they really meant was any white, Eastern European ("Ashkenazi") Jewish refugee from the communist block. They very grudgingly accepted North African Jews, a fairly Arabic crowd but with a Jewish lineage older and better documented than that of the Ashkenazis. Black Jews from sub-Saharan Africa, like those from Ethiopia, tend to be hassled despite their long history, dating back to Biblical times.

Still, it seemed likely that a nice, middle-class Jewish boy from Chicago could pass these standards, and that if I had to I could always run for cover under the "Law of Return." Not that Israel, which the American Heretic's Dictionary defines as "the northern-most province of the Republic of South Africa," sounded like the kind of place I would want to live. But beggars can't be choosers; if it came to a choice between American concentration camps or an Israeli kibbutz, I'd reluctantly go for the latter.

## Grim catch-22

That option, never perhaps very realistic, was recently closed when Israel — even under its newly elected, relatively liberal Labor government — voted to exclude HIVers from the Law of Return. When I complained of this to my little sister, she informed me that Israel had already exempted gays from the Law of Return some years back. In fact, I'd already been an excludable alien, and now I was doubly excludable.

I didn't really have any immediate plans to flee the country, but I couldn't help

but be depressed by even this reduction in possibilities. Just before the recent election many of my friends considered leaving the USA if Bush won a second term. This led me to consider my own limited options.

Some friends thought

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they'd go to Eastern Europe; maybe Prague, or Hungary. The lack of HIV care in this region ruled it out for me. Others considered Asia and the Far East; which has the same problem. Canada was popular, and so were the other non-European British Commonwealth nations Australia and New Zealand.

In general, however, HIVers looking for a new homeland face a grim catch-22. Some nations, like the United States, have well-developed medical technology; but these places tend to ban immigrants with AIDS. Other nations have no such ban, but they also don't have any medical technology or infrastructure to deal with HIV. Finally, there are a large number of countries that have no care for PWAs but won't let you in anyway. The bottom line is: World to PWAs — please die somewhere else.

While many civilized countries — not including the USA, of which more below — allow travel by HIVers, they typically *don't* allow us to immigrate. Your best bet is to be the "domestic partner" of a native; this will work in both Australia and the Netherlands, and probably in Denmark and parts of Northern Germany as well (but don't try it in Bavaria!). The trend these days, however, even in the traditionally humane Scandinavian countries, is running heavily against would-be immigrants from what the National Research Council refers to as "marginalized groups."

If you have a grandparent who was born in Ireland you can claim Irish citizenship, which these days includes de facto membership in the European Community (a far more valuable prize, as Ireland per se falls into the "no ban, no infrastructure" group mentioned above). But you'd better call their embassy before you pack your bags; they, too may have quietly instituted an anti-AIDS amendment in their "Law of Return."

## The Same Curmudgeons

Last week, speaking to a class at Stanford, I hailed Bill Clinton's recently announced lifting of the U.S. travel ban on HIVers as a rare triumph of medical science and common sense over ignorance and prejudice. Alas, my fellow-speaker gently corrected me, as it turned out that the



Senate had voted that very afternoon to re-instate the ban.

As I understood it, Clinton hadn't specifically mentioned the ban on HIVer immigration, only the one on travel. I saw Clinton's move as a largely symbolic, if helpful, one. The Senate, however, saw it as the thin edge of the wedge and attached a rider to an AIDS funding bill to ban HIVer immigration. Thus the current restrictions, imposed by the Reagan administration's fiat and removable by a stroke of Clinton's pen, would be replaced by a Congressional ban.

This move may yet be derailed. It has to make it through the significantly less reactionary House of Repre-

sentatives, for example, and if it fails there it could be quietly killed in conference committee. But as it stands it's a stinging rebuff to Clinton from the same curmudgeons who tried to cause him so much grief over lifting the military's ban on gays.

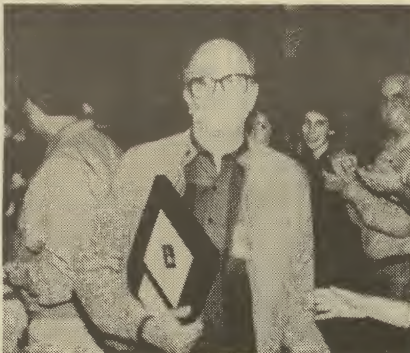
The math is kind of interesting. The Senate voted about 70 to 30 to solidify the HIVer ban. This represented virtually all of the Republicans plus the "moderate" Democrats. The week before it voted 62 to 37 to reject a Republican amendment to the popular Family Leave bill (twice vetoed by Bush) banning gays in the military. This demonstrated that the Republican/homophobic hard-core

of the Senate was a few crucial votes short of the 40 needed to support a filibuster, the best way for a perennial minority to screw-up presidential action.

If that swing block of 30 or so "moderates" can be so easily stampeded, it doesn't augur well for gay rights, HIVer rights, or Clinton's liberal agenda overall.

HIVers will simply have to figure on digging in and fighting it out in their country of origin. Like the Jews in the '30s, we're not really welcome anywhere. You can't outrun the virus, or even the prejudice against those who carry it; everywhere we turn, HIVers face Laws of No Return. ▼

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# Alice and Gertrude Reunited For Valentine's in New York

United Press International

NEW YORK — Author Gertrude Stein and her long-time lover Alice B. Toklas were reunited in a Manhattan park for Valentine's Day through the efforts of an activist group, the Lesbian Avengers.

A six-foot, plaster sculpture of Toklas atop a pedestal was placed leaning against a statue of a seated Stein for an afternoon celebration in Bryant Park behind the New York Public Library. Stein is one of the few women to have won a permanent place among New York's outdoor statues.

In life, the pair were devoted companions and part of a renowned literary circle in Paris during the early decades of the century. Stein,



Alice B. Toklas and Gertrude Stein

a novelist, poet, and playwright, was playful in her use of language while Toklas won

later fame for the *Alice B. Toklas Cookbook*, which had chapter titles like "Murder in the Kitchen."

The Toklas statue was sculpted by Lesbian Avengers members.

"We're celebrating the glorious herstory of conventional romantic love, politically incorrect domestic bliss ... and especially the union of Gertrude and Alice," said Jean Carlomusto, a spokeswoman for the group.

Organizer Sarah Schulman said the Avengers planned to remove the Toklas statue after their celebration because of fears it would be vandalized. At the gathering, under cold, sunny skies, cheers and whistles responded to a Stein poem, "Miss Furr and Miss Skeene."

"They were regularly gay there, Helen Furr and Georgine Skeene, they were regularly gay there where they were gay. They were very regularly gay."

"To be regularly gay was to do every day the gay thing that they did every day. To be regularly gay was to end every day at the same time after they had been regularly gay. They were gay every day. They ended every day in the same way, at the same time, and they had been very day regularly gay."

The group held a protest Saturday night outside the Queens home of Mary Cummins, the local school board member who played a key role in the ouster of Schools Chancellor Joseph Fernandez. Cummins opposed the "Rainbow Curriculum," which included information on lesbians and gays. ▼

## Welsh

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me" for the sexual harassment charges against Ribera, and said that her reasons for seeking "light duty" at the Hall of Justice and out of a patrol position at Mission Station are documented: as she explained them to the *B.A.R.*, her recent painful divorce and problems finding adequate daycare for her nine-month-old daughter prompted her transfer.

Mission Officer Sally De Haven, an open lesbian, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that she and Welsh had changed from street clothes into uniforms together many times at Mission Station and that there was "no discomfort or ever any trouble."

After Chief of Police Willis Casey decided to disband the Witness Relocation Program at the Hall of Justice in 1991, Welsh said that she asked to be re-assigned to a patrol position at Mission Station.

The charges against Ribera were raised by Welsh two weeks ago after an angry confrontation occurred between her boyfriend, Supervisor Bill Maher, and Ribera over the management of the department — and Welsh's job as public affairs officer. ▼

## World Briefs

by Rex Wockner  
Outlines News Service

**ARGENTINA** — One in eight of the 4,500 inmates in federal prisons has AIDS, the Federal Prison Service reported last month. Officials predict 45 percent could be HIV-positive in ten years.

Meanwhile, 23 prisoners who are very sick asked President Carlos Menem for clemency. Menem released 12 PWA prisoners last year after they were found chained to their beds in a Buenos Aires hospital ward used as a jail sick bay.

**AUSTRALIA** — At least four young men have been raped at knifepoint by the same man in a "T-room" in the basement of a Sydney University building, reported *Sydney Star Observer*.

**BULGARIA** — A Sofia gay group called Gemini has achieved official government registration and launched a "pink telephone" line. It operates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. local time. From the U.S., dial 011-359-2-328-192.

**CROATIA** — Lesbians and Gay Men in Action is a new group in Zagreb, the capital, affiliated with the Transnational Radical Party.

They seek donations, gay newspapers, information and advice from abroad. Write Andrea and Amir, LIGMA Section, Transnational Radical Party, Radicova 15, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia. Phone 011-38-41-431-989. Fax 011-38-41-426-746.

**CZECH REPUBLIC** — The local government in Most has thrown its support behind the Most Gay Club's plans to open a gay center.

According to the Prague gay magazine *SOHO Revue*, the city will find a site and rent it to the club for next to nothing.

The center will house a bar/cafe/disco, library/reading room, counseling and legal-advice offices, meeting spaces, movie theater, fitness center, newspaper office, exhibition hall and guest rooms for overnight visitors, the club says.

The only problem, said *SOHO*, is that so many buildings in this Bohemian coal-mining town are ugly Communist pre-fab high-rises that are unsuitable to the project.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** — Atlanta-based World Community Builders, an affiliate of the Metropolitan Community Church, recently built an open-air church for the gay Christian community of Santo Domingo.

Eighteen American volunteers erected the structure in just ten days in the nearby village of El Tamarindo.

"The sweat, laughter and love produced an open-air pavilion and the village's only flushing toilet and running-water sinks," said the U.S. gay-Christian newspaper *Second Stone*. "The building doesn't look like an American idea of a church, but it's just what the community needs."

WCB returns to Santo Domingo this month to repair an orphanage and build a lean-to at the gay pavilion.

**ENGLAND** — The readers of London's *Capital Gay* chose Martina Navratilova as Woman of the Year and Bill Clinton as Man of the Year.

*Capital Gay* said of Clinton's honor: "This is probably the first time anyone has won this category without actually doing anything. Let's hope."

Right Said Fred took Best Singer/Band, with Madonna slipping to second place from last year. Marky Mark was Hunk of the Year.

**ENGLAND** — New government figures suggest gay men under 25 are having a lot of unsafe sex. In London, 13 percent of men under 25 who visited STD clinics tested HIV-positive.

Among all gay men, there were more HIV diagnoses in 1991 than in any year since 1987. And 29 percent of those cases were in men under 25.

**ENGLAND** — The London direct-action group OutRage invaded a Sunday church service for "cured" and "cure-seeking" homosexuals last month.

They blew whistles, blasted foghorns, and brandished signs screaming, "Once a Queer Always a Queer," "You call it Sodomy, We call it Fabulous" and "Jesus wants me for a bum-boy."

The 60 attendees at the "Courage Trust" service shouted at the 20 demonstrators. Some extended their arms in a W formation and prayed.

The Church of England released a statement saying: "We do not regard [homosexuality] as an illness. We are not of the opinion that homosexuality needs to be cured."

**FRANCE** — Rudolf Nureyev's doctor, Michel Canesi, confirmed January 15 that the ballet legend's January 6 death was from AIDS.

"[T]here is no such thing as a shameful disease," Canesi told *Le Figaro*. "I am thinking of all the anonymous patients who are suffering from being ostracized. Rudolf lived for 13 or 14 years with this virus, thanks to his force, his combativeness. People must know that. He was too famous to be able to hide the truth."

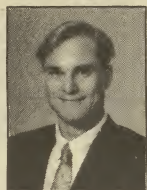
Canesi said Nureyev kept his HIV and AIDS diagnoses secret for fear his career would be hurt and U.S. immigration officials would ban him from the country, in accord with current law.

Nureyev found out he was HIV-positive in 1984. Canesi's statement made no mention of sexual orientation.

**FRANCE** — About 40 percent of deaths among Parisian men age 25-44 are from AIDS, according to a new government report.

France leads Europe in AIDS cases, with more than 22,000. The high figure results from a large gay population com-

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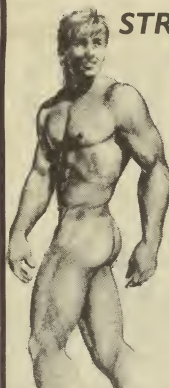


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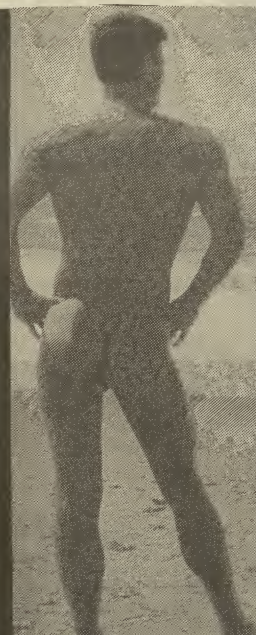
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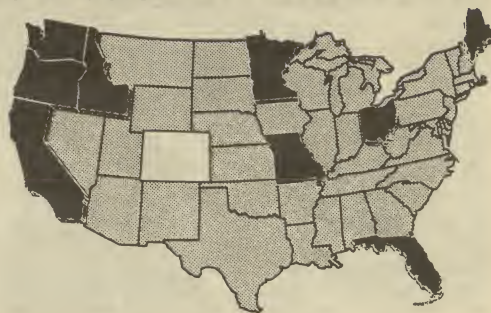
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or bisexual orientation.' Neither the State of Michigan, any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities, or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships shall constitute or otherwise be the basis of or entitle any person or class of persons to have or claim any minority status, quota protected status or claim of discrimination.' ▼

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## Keychain Whistle May Have Staved Off Anti-Gay Attackers

by Dennis Conkin

A gay man leaving a popular Castro night spot says he sent a pack of would-be gay bashers scrambling after he blew his anti-violence whistle and people in the neighborhood came to his aid.

"I definitely considered it a hate crime," John Bannister told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Bannister, who was uninjured in the incident, was leaving the Detour Bar on Market near Castro just before midnight on February 16 when the incident occurred.

"I turned onto Noe going north, and noticed that there were a couple of people walking behind me. I crossed over to the other side of the street and they followed me," he said.

Bannister said that then three teen-age males, joined by two teen-age females, flanked him and started clos-

ing in on him. One of the males, he recalled, was headed his way with a cane.

"And he wasn't using it to walk," he said. "Not a word was spoken but I could tell exactly what was about to happen."

"It could have been bad except for a two-dollar whistle I bought at Cliff's Variety the day after the AB101 protests and have had on my key-chain ever since," he said.

"About two seconds before that cane would have started swinging, I blasted away and the effect was almost comical. One of them said, 'Oh, Shit,' they all backed off, and almost instantly, no more than 30 seconds later, people from the neighborhood—seemingly from out of nowhere—came to my aid."

The youths "rapidly headed" for their car, Bannister said, but not before he stood in front of the car and, with

the female driver watching, noted the license number.

"I didn't need to write it down. I memorized it. I looked up at her and she knew that I had gotten the license number."

A woman among the people who came to Bannister's aid immediately called police. Because Bannister was not injured and the incident was not still in progress, a non-emergency police patrol was dispatched to take a statement.

Bannister described the car as a 1984 white Toyota station wagon bearing the license number 1MLY303.

Bannister said that he is gratified by the support of the people who came to his assistance and that the safety whistle "is the best two-dollar investment I ever made."

"I've had the whistle so long, and I always wondered if it would help," he said. ▼

## Lesbians Get Bashed, Too

by Community United Against Violence Staff

It is almost certain that no one who reads the *B.A.R.* needs to be convinced that lesbians are the targets of hate violence. A recent study showed that 84 percent of lesbians have experienced anti-lesbian verbal harassment at some point in their lives and 40 percent have been threatened by physical violence.

However, only 15 percent reported an incident to the police, and about the same percentage called a service agency like Community United Against Violence (CUAV). In fact, of the total number of callers reporting hate violence and seeking services at CUAV, only 15 percent are women.

Obviously, this is a problem. It is clear that CUAV's statistics do not fully reflect the scope of the problem, in-

cluding who is being harassed, attacked, or intimidated as a consequence of their sexual orientation. What they do reflect is who feels they can report incidents to us: predominantly white gay men.

There are a number of reasons for this: women are generally the targets of violence and harassment. It is not unusual for women to hear jeers when they walk past a group of men, or to face sexual harassment at work. Women learn this as a part of life, something to be expected, and that to survive, the anger felt at being victimized must be repressed.

Men, on the other hand, are taught to express anger and thus may feel more able and empowered to report an incident that is anti-gay. Women are conditioned not to expect to be able to feel safe on the streets (or in their homes) and so are less likely to have a feeling of entitlement that says, "Hey, it's not OK for someone to call me 'queer dyke' when I walk to my local store." Women also learn from experience that when they do speak out about violence no one really wants to do anything about it.

The way that anti-gay violence has been defined is also problematic. For a white gay man who is attacked by a group of youths calling him a 'faggot,' it is clear that the motivation is anti-gay. For a lesbian of color, for example, things may not be so clear. The motivation could be be-

cause of her race or her gender or her sexual orientation, or a combination of all three. And unless she stops the attacker to ask, "what exactly are your motivations?"—not a likely scenario—she may never really know. Does she then feel able to call CUAV and seek services?

It is also true that lesbians are likely to become targets of violence just because they are women out alone, without the "protection" of a man. This kind of attack may not immediately seem to be anti-lesbian, but it certainly reinforces the ideology that women should be with men and not live their lives as out lesbians. None of this is to say that lesbians do not fight back—but still, many do not seek the services of CUAV.

Throughout its history, CUAV has frequently been identified as an organization that has addressed mainly the

concerns of gay men. Efforts to change that image are being made, but it is a long process that will take time and a great deal of commitment. Lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people need a

more complex understanding of hate violence as it affects everyone in the "queer" communities. CUAV needs to speak more to the concerns of women and to create an organization that is perceived as a safe place for everyone—men and women, people of color and transgender persons. And CUAV also needs women to report.

CUAV has lesbian staff members and volunteers who are well-trained in providing services to women who have been victimized. So, the next time you are a target of a hate crime, whether it is verbal harassment, vandalism, or physical assault, remember to call CUAV. Our 24-hour number is 333-HELP. And when we produce our annual statistics for 1993 we can begin to show the real picture: that lesbians face hate violence everyday of their lives.

You can also call if you are interested in finding ways to empower yourself and keep safe on the street. We have self-defense referrals and information on personal safety.

And if you would like to do more to combat hate crimes, call to volunteer. We have many interesting programs and are particularly interested in recruiting women and people of color. The office number is 777-5500. ▼

CUAV is a non-profit agency that works to prevent hate violence against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender persons and promotes personal and community safety. The agency also provides counseling, advocacy and referral to people who are bashed or who are battered in same sex domestic violence. For services or more information, call (415) 777-5500. If you are bashed or battered and need help, call our 24-hour CrisisLine at (415) 333-HELP. The agency's offices are located at 973 Market Street, Suite 500, San Francisco.

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## Gay and Deaf: What's It Like?

by Marv. Shaw

If you think that being gay is a handicap, try being both queer and deaf, as Dwayne West has been throughout most of his 35 years. However, West is working hard to overcome this double whammy in a variety of ways. Central to his evolution of a better life is his determination to being an openly gay man.

A San Mateo native,



Dwayne West

West's deafness became noticeable when he was six, and a first grade teacher spotted his difficulty in hearing her. The real origin of his handicap was the German measles his mother contracted during her pregnancy with him. Her doctor had warned her that some such effect might have been made on her son.

The condition appeared first in his left ear, then later

in the right. The latter's capacity to hear can still be somewhat helped by a hearing aid, but the left ear is beyond help. "It's a nerve deterioration that has no cure," West explains. "It will simply get worse with age," he added with realistic acceptance.

Nevertheless, West communicates quite readily by lip reading. Though he knows some ASL (American Sign Language) and finds that many other deaf people rely on that mode exclusively, he prefers lip reading. "It works well as long as people speak facing me," he said. "But there is a problem sometimes if the speaker has a mustache and/or beard," he added. "Darkening the area around the mouth makes lip reading much more difficult."

Speech communication hampers West's social and amatory contacts too. "When I approach someone new in a bar or at a party, there is a tendency for that person to shy away after discovering that I am deaf," he stated with some bitterness. In spite of that unfortunate phenomenon, West has had some success in groups of hearing people, such as the Peninsula Social Guild, which unfortunately has recently disbanded.

In his search for a steady mate, West gravitates toward older gay men and has even made cross-country trips to try to effect a lasting relationship.

But within the gay deaf community, he has found a reliable social setting in the San Francisco Rainbow Deaf



Tony Daverso (left) Patrick Saatzer, Sam Feliciano and Ron Suresha of the Deaf Gay and Lesbian Center in San Francisco. (Photo: Judi Parks)

Society and at the Deaf Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Taylor Street in the city. "They have a lot going on," West described, "workshops and talks and the like."

"I got a lot out of one-on-one gay male relationships. They publish a newsletter with accounts of all that is going on. Also, there is the Deaf Counseling Advocates and Referral Agency, with offices in San Francisco, San Mateo, and San Jose. There, lawyers assist the deaf with legal problems, and there is job placement help too."

One unfortunate irony is that the deaf and the blind, because their communication problems are actually mutual in contradictory ways, find common activity in legislative advocacy and the like almost impossible.

To illustrate how a similar confusion persists even among the hearing public, West recounted an incident on a plane when he asked his

seatmate to tell him if there happened to be a message of an emergency come over the p.a. system; she dug up an emergency information brochure in Braille!

Beginning at 20, West started coming out. It happened inadvertently when his mother overheard one of his telephone conversations (West uses the California Relay Service). She reacted quite negatively. Subsequent efforts to improve their relationship via counseling were thwarted when the counselor revealed that she was lesbian.

However, through persistent effort, acceptance of his gayness has grown within his family, even though there are limits, such as his siblings not wanting West to baby-sit their children.

Even within some of his formerly close high school friends who are also deaf, he has been shunned since his revelation. In spite of the rejections West continues to be

ever more open about who he is. Now, all the people in his department of the IRS in San Jose, where he works as a returns processor, know that he is gay.

In spite of that, negative incidents occur. When one woman commented recently that "fags shouldn't be allowed in the military," West responded in kind. "I gave her the finger right in her face," he said proudly.

As his attempts to socialize more actively with both the deaf and the hearing community have increased and have been infused with his efforts to be openly gay, West has accumulated a positive attitude toward his own future and that of the gay deaf as a community. "I think that people will more and more accept the gay deaf as normal. If only the hearing community, both gay and straight, would make more of an effort to allow us to blend in," he concluded. ▼

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## National News

Fundies Crank up Lesbian Rumor Mill

# On the Train for Washington: Attorney General Janet Reno

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — Janet Reno, President Clinton's nominee for attorney general, has had little history in addressing gay and lesbian rights in her 14 years as Dade County's chief prosecutor. But the childless, single, 54-year-old woman has had experience with being called a lesbian.

For the record, she says that she is heterosexual. She further insists that she has dated men, but has not had much of a dating life in her busy years as the lead prosecutor for the south Florida county.

Nonetheless, her role as the top law enforcement agent in the Miami area combined with her unmarried status have led to widespread speculation in the region for years that she might be a lesbian.

The gossip didn't make it into the media, however, until the late '80s when one of her most vocal detractors decided to take the matter into his own hands.

Coral Gables attorney Jack Thompson, a born-again christian with a penchant for crusades, first came after Reno after he felt rebuffed by her on several matters. For several years, Thompson had been waging a one-person war against controversial local radio talk show host Neil Rogers, who is openly gay.

Thompson had been seeking Reno's help in barring Rogers from the local airwaves with no success. Later, when Thompson discovered *The Weekly News*, Miami's gay newspaper, he again tried to enlist Reno's help in a new crusade against what he characterized as "pornography."

Thompson's third and most widely publicized fight for the public morality was against Miami-based rap group 2 Live Crew and its label, Luke Records, which is also based in Miami.

It was Thompson's protracted legal fight against the rap group that led to the 1989 court decisions that declared the group's album *Nasty As They Wanna Be* legally obscene. Reno was not associated with that decision.

But angered by Reno's failure to cooperate with his many efforts, Thompson retaliated by writing her a letter which was later publicized in the local media. In it he accused Reno of being lenient with "homosexuals" and "pornographers" for two reasons.

One of those, he insisted, was that since an artist signed to Luke Records recorded a rap tribute to her on the label, Reno was reluctant to prosecute the company. The other, he suggested, was that she is a lesbian.

To make his case, Thompson enclosed a ballot with three boxes. She was to check one. Box "A" would indicate she was heterosexual. "B" indicated bisexual. "C" meant she was a lesbian.

He demanded Reno fill out the form and return it within a set period of time with Box "A" checked. Should she not

comply, he promised he would assume she was either "B" or "C" and would publicize his conclusions.

While media reports about the Thompson letter circulated widely after it was made known, they centered on the attorney's outlandish behavior and not that of chief prosecutor Reno.

Based on those reports and general suspicions about Reno's lifestyle, rumors about her sexual orientation began getting new play in the local media as soon as reports surfaced that she was under consideration for the attorney general position.

As soon as President Clinton made it official, Thompson again began a barrage of faxes and press releases asserting that the nominee is homosexual. To make his case, he pointed to one of Reno's friends who once went by the name of Rachel Thomas. He charged that the woman divorced her husband, Michael Thomas, because she had had a lesbian affair with Reno.

Contacted by the *Miami Herald* after Thompson made his allegations, the couple insisted that their divorce had nothing to do with lesbianism or with Reno. A lawyer for Mr. Thomas also contradicted several other Thompson claims.

The woman, who managed Reno's 1978 campaign and now lives in Washington under another name, maintained that she and Reno have been friends since childhood but that there has been nothing sexual between them.

In response to this new questioning, Reno again said that she is heterosexual. "Mr. Thompson always worries about my sexual preference," she told the *Herald*. "I am just an awkward old maid who has a very great attraction to men."

When, during a background check, she was asked by FBI officials to list people who would have negative things to say about her, Reno said she listed Thompson's name.

Long considered a workaholic by friends and co-workers, Reno has been known to keep long hours at her post, often bringing a sleeping bag to work. While living in Miami, she lived with her mother in her parent's home until her recent death. Since then, Reno has remained in the house.

Apparently responding to the rumors, members of Washington's Queer Nation sched-



Janet Reno, attorney general designee

uled a news conference for February 15 in front of the Justice Department to demand that Reno "come out" as a lesbian.

"We have every reason to believe that Janet Reno is a lesbian," said QN spokeswoman Margaret Cantrell in a press release, "and we desperately need open lesbians and gay men serving in the Clinton administration. ... People like Janet Reno, who are in the closet, cannot represent us. She needs to come out."

The group offered no evidence in its release asserting that Reno is a lesbian beyond saying that it is "common knowledge" in Washington and south Florida that Reno is gay.

As for the future of the gay community's dealings with Reno, there is little one can glean from her experience in south Florida. Since there have been no standing gay rights laws in the area until just last year (Miami Beach recently passed such an ordinance), there is no record of Reno's prosecuting anti-gay discrimination cases.

Also, throughout her tenure, Dade County has not seen any highly visible cases of anti-gay violence that would have led to a closely watched prosecution effort.

She has, however, developed a record of dealing well with Miami's myriad of often-contentious racial and ethnic minority communities, which could offer a signal of her future dealings with gay and AIDS communities through Justice.

In 1980, Reno came under sharp criticism from the city's black community for her failure to gain convictions against Miami police officers accused of beating a black insurance agent to death. The man's death and the subsequent "not guilty" verdict led to several days of rioting in the city.

After the rioting, however, Reno began to work closely with local black activists and developed a strong relationship with the city's poorly represented African-American community. She has since worked hard to earn a conviction of a Hispanic officer who was accused of shooting a black motorcyclist in a 1989 case.

Since her nomination, only religious conservatives, Thompson among them, have emerged as critics, lambasting her for not making the shutdown of area adult bookstores a top priority. ▼

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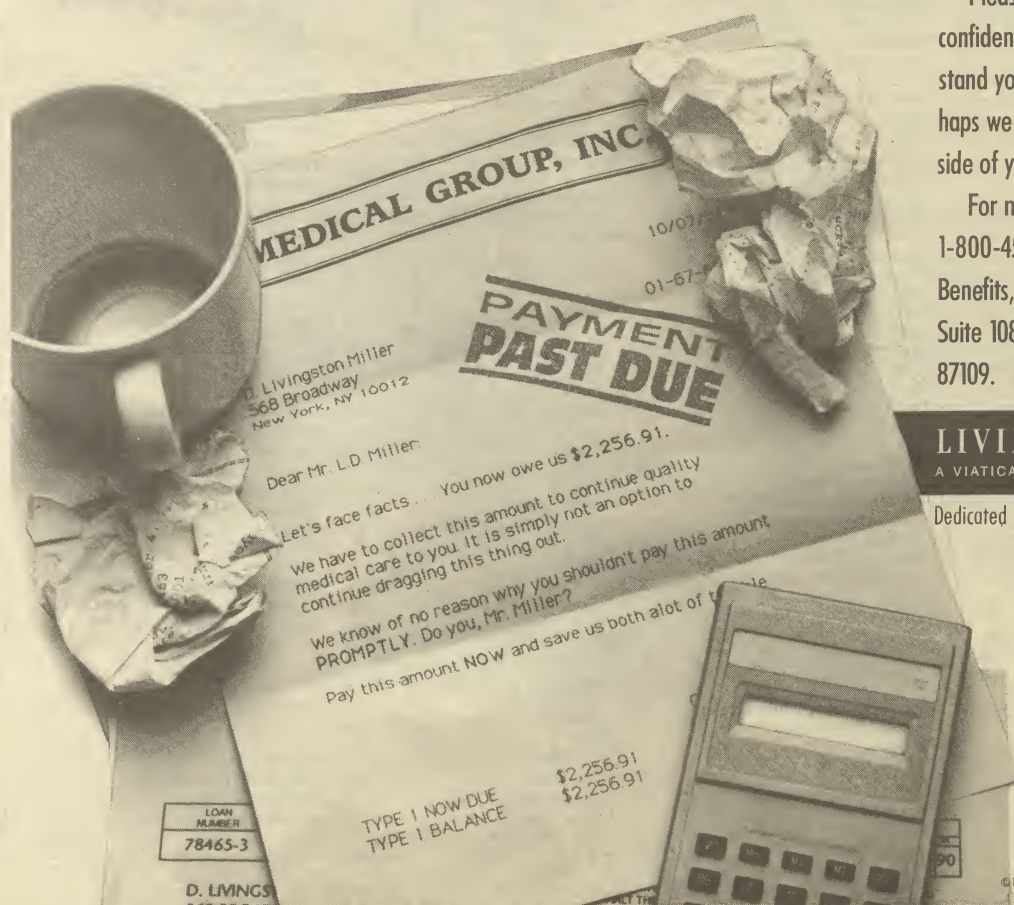
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Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint

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A Snake in the Vein  
Bent, Martin Sherman,  
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Fidelio String Quartet, Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers  
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Keith Meinhold

## OUTSTANDING PARADE AWARDS - FLOATS

Outstanding Creative - AIDS Emergency Fund  
Outstanding Group - Stop AIDS Project  
Outstanding Inspirational - The Names Project  
Outstanding Out of City - B Street Bar and Restaurant, San Mateo  
Outstanding Outrageous - Fat Dykes and Proud  
Outstanding Rainbow - Bahia Restaurant  
Outstanding Theme - Shanti Project  
Honorable Mention - Eagle Creek Saloon/The Lone Star

## OUTSTANDING PARADE AWARDS - MARCHING UNITS

Outstanding Creative - SF AIDS Foundation  
Outstanding Marching - Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS)  
Outstanding Musical - America's Finest City Band, San Diego  
Outstanding Out of City - Hand to Hand, Oakland  
Outstanding Outrageous - Kinky Morris Dancers  
Outstanding Performance - The Box  
Outstanding Theme - High Tech Gays

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Catherine Sharpe  
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Olivia Records - 20th Anniversary

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Black & White Men Together  
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## AWARD OF MERIT

AIDS Emergency Fund  
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## OUTSTANDING COLUMNIST (Public Vote)

Dianne Aaronson - Bay Area Reporter  
Justin Bond - Bay Area Reporter  
Nancy Boutilier - Bay Area Reporter  
Charles R. Caulfield - Sentinel  
Jamakaya - Sentinel  
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Tommy Avicalli Mecca - Bay Times  
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Don Baird - Bay Times  
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Steve Warren - Sentinel  
Elizabeth Zimmer - Sentinel

## OUTSTANDING EVENT - WOMEN'S COMMUNITY (Public Vote)

Dyke Daddy  
Good Vibrations Anniversary  
Motown Dance, BACW  
Sneak Preview, "Last Call at Maud's"  
Women's Craft Fair

## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY WOMEN'S COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Brava, Women in the Arts  
Iris Center  
Lesbian Visual Arts  
Women's AIDS Network

## HARVEY MILK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Hydie Downard  
Paul Wotman

## OUTSTANDING COMPETITION EVENT (Public Vote)

Closet Ball - Robert Michael Productions  
Ebony in Leather I - Gregory Adams & Graylin Thornton  
International Ms. Leather Contest - Audrey Joseph

Miss Club Uranus - Ggreg Taylor  
Mr. International Drummer - Audrey Joseph  
Mr. Rawhide II Contest - Rawhide II  
Mr. San Francisco Leather - Audrey Joseph

## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY EVENT (Public Vote)

Folsom Street Fair - SMMILE  
Opening Day Ceremony - Gay Softball League  
Halloween on Castro - Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence  
Rawhide II 9th Anniversary - Rawhide II  
SF Winds of Freedom, Community Concert Series - Jon Sims Center  
Thanksgiving Dinner for PWA and PWARC - SF AIDS Foundation

## OUTSTANDING EVENT (Public Vote)

APEX Awards  
Bad Girls at Halloween Party - Muscle System  
Dreams Toward the Next Rainbow, 10th Anniversary of Gay Games I and the founding of Lesbian-Gay Bands of America - Sterling Productions, Jon Sims Center  
Gay Rodeo - Golden State Gay Rodeo Association, Bay Area Chapter  
Lesbian and Gay Journalist Convention - Moscone Center  
TGIF Events - MAXX  
Our Victory Celebration - The Alliance, Human Rights Campaign Fund, The Victory Fund

## OUTSTANDING EVENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL BUSINESS (Public Vote)

Hall of Honor - Tatiana's First Saturday Night  
Coit's Easter Basket Auction - Coit's  
Kairos Support for Caregivers Fundraiser - Mr. & Ms. Rawhide II  
Leatherwalk '92 - Art Tomaszewski  
Night of 1000 Drags, Benefit for Tina Tanner - Lily's  
Tenderloin Tessie's Thanksgiving Dinner - Empress Phyllis  
Tuesday Night Dinners - Acorn Restaurant

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## OUTSTANDING SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Bowling  
Debbie Carmona  
Melanie Coyle  
Ann Senter  
Pool  
Claire Boddy  
Donna Hughes Oldenburg  
Krista Smith  
Softball  
Mary Newman  
Terri Taylor  
Jamie Yamamura  
Sherry Yarbrough

## OUTSTANDING SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Bowling  
Duane Flore  
Don George  
Tim Kneis  
Rudy Maglenty  
Pool  
Rick Bradford  
Dusty Derouen  
Norman Whited  
Elliot Zalta  
Softball  
Mark Brown  
Tim Miller  
Tom Scholar  
Steve Sternfeld  
December Wright

## Tennis

Norm Burgos  
Tom Kelly  
Kenneth Najour  
Chris Walkey

## OUTSTANDING THEME DECORATION (Public Vote)

Detour - Christmas  
Lone Star - New Year's Eve  
Midnight Sun - Lesbian/Gay Pride Week  
Motherlode - Christmas  
Rawhide II - Christmas  
Stud - Christmas

## OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISER (Public Vote)

AIDS Dance - A - Thon, Mobilization Against AIDS  
Dinner/Dance at the St. Francis, The Alliance  
Hand to Hand, Project Open Hand  
Oscar Night Gala '92, Academy of Friends  
Pigs in Paradise V, Golden State  
Peace Officers Association  
Rainbows for AIDS, Miller Brewing Company and Golden Brand Distributors  
You, and the Night, and the Music, Sterling Productions

## OUTSTANDING DANCE CLUB (Public Vote)

Dekadance  
Faster Pussycat  
Pleasuredome  
Rawhide II  
The Box  
The Pit at Cocktails  
The Quake

## OUTSTANDING DISC JOCKEY (Public Vote)

Jerry Bonham & Alec Cunningham, Pleasuredome  
Leo Brown, SF Eagle  
Bugs, Dekadance  
Downtown Donna and Clarcey, Faster Pussycat  
Page Hodel, The Box  
J. J. Johnson, Rawhide II  
Michael Loeb, The Pendulum  
Jimmy Strano & Tommy Rogers, Cocktails

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## OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR (Public Vote)

Hall of Honor - Marga Gomez  
Justin Bond  
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# The Unkindest Cut of All

## The Fight To Halt Routine Infant Circumcisions

by David O'Connor

Marilyn Milos witnessed her first infant circumcision as a nursing student in 1979 — and the horror of that experience remains with her still.

In an account of the surgery that she wrote nearly ten years later, Milos describes entering a nursery to find a newborn strapped spread-eagle to a plastic board, whimpering as he struggled against his restraints. Milos remembers comforting the baby, who stopped crying momentarily.

"The silence was soon broken by a piercing scream — the baby's reaction to having his foreskin pinched and crushed as the doctor attached the clamp to his penis," Milos writes. "The shriek intensified when the doctor inserted an instrument between the foreskin and the glans [head of the penis], tearing the two structures apart."

"The baby started shaking his head back and forth — the only part of his body free to move — as the doctor used another clamp to crush the foreskin lengthwise, which he then cut," Milos continues. "The baby began to gasp and choke, breathless from his shrill, continuous screams."

"How could anyone say circumcision is painless when the suffering is so obvious?" Milos asks. "My bottom lip

began to quiver, tears filled my eyes and spilled over. I found my own sobs difficult to contain."

In the years since that experience, Milos, now a registered nurse, has joined a national grass-roots movement to end routine circumcision of infants in the United States.

A colleague in that fight is Tim Hammond of the National Organization to Halt the Abuse and Routine Mutilation of Males (NO HARM). Based in San Francisco, NO HARM counts 1,200 people on its national mailing list, despite mores that make foreskin a taboo topic for discussion, Hammond says.

"Men are afraid to speak up because they don't want to be seen as perverted," says Hammond. "Anytime a man starts talking about his penis, homophobia creeps in. And what man wants to admit that his dick isn't everything that nature intended?"

NO HARM aims to educate people about benefits of foreskin, document hazards of circumcision, and lobby medical associations to adopt policies against routine infant circumcision. The organization is one of at least a dozen similar groups across the country.

"We have become such a nation of circumcised men that nobody stops to think about foreskin or what its benefits might be," Hammond

says. "We seem to think it comes into the world with a sign that says cut at dotted line."

### Defended as cure-all

Many doctors defend infant circumcision as a necessary surgery to prevent several physical ailments, chiefly urinary tract infection, penile cancer, sexually transmitted disease, and cervical cancer in female sex partners.

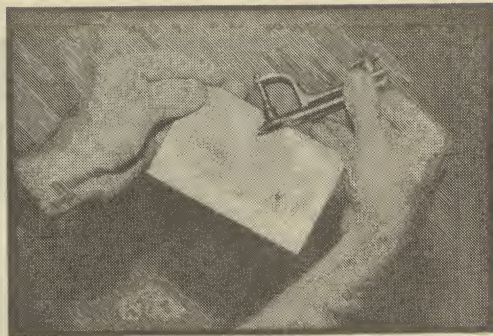
The American Medical Association (AMA) has no formal policy regarding infant male circumcision, although it officially opposes female circumcision, according to an AMA spokesperson.

The California Medical Association considers male newborn circumcision a "valid public health measure," according to spokesperson Paul Moreno.

But since 1971, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has maintained there is "no absolute medical indication for routine circumcision of the newborn." Both the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Urological Association support that position.

The AAP says that circumcision has "potential medical benefits and advantages as well as inherent disadvantages and risks."

Studies suggesting urinary



Two devices used in circumcising infants — the Plastibell and the Gomco Clamp. Both are used as guides and restraints for cutting off the foreskin.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

tract infections are more prevalent among uncircumcised men are methodologically flawed, the AAP says. "In the absence of well-designed prospective studies, conclusions regarding the relationship of urinary tract infection to circumcision are tentative," according to the AAP.

Also inconclusive is evidence linking circumcision to reduced incidence of sexually transmitted disease or increased incidence of cervical cancer in sex partners, the AAP says.

George Denniston, a doctor specializing in preventive medicine and gynecology, wrote in a 1989 article in *The Truth Seeker*, "There is general agreement that the hygiene of men who develop cancer of the penis has been poor. ... Cancer of the penis is very rare — one case in 100,000 — usually in older men. Even if circumcision could prevent it, 100,000 foreskin amputations would be necessary to prevent one cancer of the penis."

The AAP agrees that penile cancer is a rare condition occurring in elderly men and linked to poor hygiene.

"What the Academy of Pediatrics did not say is that the potential benefits of leaving men intact outweigh the known risks," says Milos. "They said parents should come to a decision, but gave clear sailing for pro-circumcision advocates to keep conjuring up excuses and make this country a safe place for the circumciser and an unsafe place for baby boys to be born into."

Milos is founder of the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC) located in San Anselmo. In 1985, she was fired from her job as a nurse at Marin General Hospital because she showed parents a video of infant circumcisions. Milos was told she was disturbing parents.

"That's the right response, they should all be upset," Milos says. "Every parent has a right and obligation to know what's done to their baby behind closed doors. There's a scream that hits you on a primal level. The sound of that scream is like a scream you don't hear in any other time; that's a baby screaming for help."

In 1988, the California Nurses Association presented Milos with its highest honor, the Maureen Ricke Award, for her work "to raise consciousness about America's most unnecessary surgery."

It's not easy to raise that consciousness, Milos says, because the rationalizations for circumcision are steeped in a long history of religious and

cultural myths.

### Irrational justifications

"Circumcision is not a medical issue," says Milos. "For proof of that we only need to look at the 85 percent of the world's male population that is not circumcised without the dire consequences our medical community tells us will happen if we leave our sons intact. But then, circumcision is a quarter-billion dollar industry in the United States."

In her book, *Circumcision: What Every Parent Should Know*, Ann Briggs discusses how circumcision is thought to have originated in primitive tribal societies as "a way of humiliating and/or outwardly marking those captured into slavery. ... Throughout most of recorded history, however, circumcision has been a ritual, establishing a visible sign of a covenant with God. In other societies, largely in Africa and Australia, it was a rite of passage, performed at puberty or prior to marriage."

Circumcision gained popularity in Western medicine during the 18th century when doctors blamed masturbation for a variety of problems, including epilepsy, stammering, acne, blindness, alcoholism, tuberculosis, rheumatism and 'masturbatory insanity.' Doctors believed that circumcision would stop boys from masturbating and thus, cure these ailments.

Briggs writes that by the late 1800s, the idea that masturbation could cause insanity and disease was losing hold. American doctors then changed their minds, claiming it was the foreskin itself that caused problems.

As it became obvious that circumcision wasn't preventing any of the ills its proponents promised to cure, "the American medical community simply adopted other rationales," Briggs writes. "Beginning in the 1930s, some physicians began insisting that circumcision would prevent cancer of the penis and the prostate and ... cancer of the cervix." The same justifications are used today.

"Circumcision is based on a strong irrational bias," Milos says. "Advocates use one irrationality after another to perpetuate a surgery that most of the world scorns."

### Like removing eyelids


At an educational forum held February 7, NO HARM presented speakers involved in the fight against routine circumcision.

Hammond disputed claims that circumcision is a minor operation that makes little difference to a man's body. According to the book *The Hu-*


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man Connection, by Ashley Montagu and Floyd Matson, a piece of skin the size of a quarter contains more than 3 million cells, 12 feet of nerves and 50 nerve endings.

Hammond explains that an adult's foreskin — measured from outside the base of the glans, around the tip and back inside where the foreskin folds around the glans — is about equal in size to a 3x5 index card.

"That's 36 percent of a man's penile shaft skin and an area that would easily fit 15 quarters," Hammond says. "In fact, circumcision robs men of 240 feet of nerves and 1,000 nerve endings."

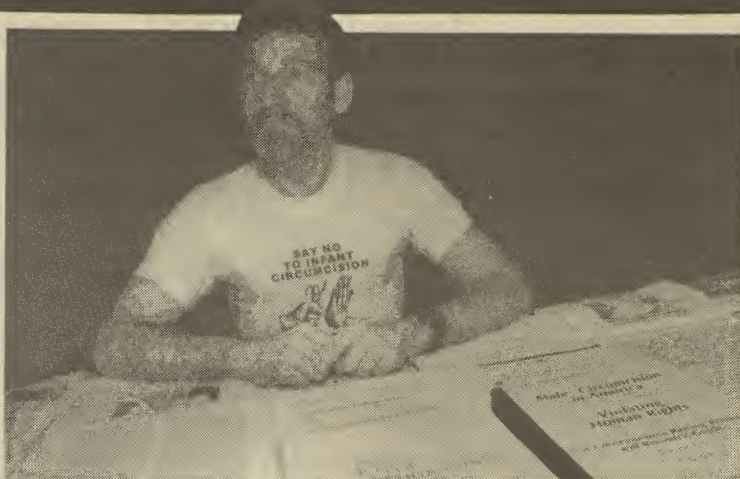
Jim Bigelow, a psychologist, clergyman and author of *The Joy of Uncircumcising*, points out that the foreskin is a body part whose specific function is to protect the head of the penis.

"Removing the foreskin is more like removing an eyelid than removing an unnecessary flap of skin," Bigelow says. "The foreskin has a definite function."

#### Injuries documented

In his work with NO HARM, Hammond collects testimony from men who have been harmed by botched circumcisions or who are unhappy with the results of their "successful" circumcisions.

Hammond last year attempted to meet with Richard Corlin, president of the California Medical Association, to discuss the damage men have



Tim Hammond of the National Organization to Halt the Abuse and Routine Mutilation of Males passes out information on circumcision. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

reported. Corlin declined to meet with him.

Attorney Charles Bonner of Sausalito disputes whether there is any such thing as a "successful" circumcision. Bonner says he receives four or five calls per month regarding medical problems from circumcisions. He goes to trial in March on a case in which a boy's dorsal artery was cut during the operation.

"Circumcision itself is an injury," Bonner says. "They're doing this to boys all over the country and it has got to stop. If they were doing it to whales people wouldn't tolerate it. They are harming boys, they are literally causing serious injuries."

San Francisco resident Ed

Van Egri lived with the scar tissue from his botched circumcision for 39 years until he discovered he could do something about it. Van Egri describes "a big hunk of scar tissue about the size of a postage stamp" that connected the head of his penis to the shaft, causing his penis to bend during erections.

"It took a lot of guts to call somebody and say, 'My prick is a mess. Can you fix it up for me,'" Van Egri says. "A plastic surgeon remedied the problem although I still ended up with a circumcised penis."

"They went ahead and chopped something off of me which was not diseased without my permission," Van Egri says. "Just like if they had cut

off my ears because my parents didn't want to clean them. It has been done so routinely for such a long time, it as become an acceptable thing."

#### Not supported by law

"It's a medical procedure done through custom and myth and no law says it can be done," attorney Bonner says. "Case law says that parents may authorize any necessary surgery for their children, but this is an unnecessary surgery — the medical community will agree that it is unnecessary surgery. No case law says parents can authorize a procedure that has no medical benefit. Technically, circumcisions are as illegal as robbing the bank. It happens to continue under custom."

Hammond hopes to change that. Along with its ongoing lobbying of doctors and medical associations, NO HARM is calling on Hillary Rodham Clinton to consider the issue as she reforms health care.

When England adopted socialized medicine in 1948, circumcision was categorized as a cosmetic surgery not covered by insurance. The British circumcision rate has fallen to a level of about 1 percent today.

Hammond says that a new U.S. health plan excluding circumcision from its package of covered benefits could have a similar result in this country, where about 60 percent of male infants are now circumcised each year.

The United States is alone in its high circumcision rate, according to the book *Say No to Circumcision* by physician Thomas Ritter. He writes that most countries in Europe, Asia, Central America, and South America do not practice circumcision to any great degree.

Impeding a change in U.S. policy, circumcision critics agree, is the fact that circumcision is endorsed by circumcised men who don't see it as a problem.

"If men have been cut, they've been wounded and they cannot recognize that condition as being some kind of injury in another person," Bonner says. "This fight is just beginning. Many of us are committed to it. Already we've seen change; the circumcision rate on the West Coast is down from 90 percent to 43 percent in the last three years because of education by organizations like NOCIRC and NOHARM." ▼

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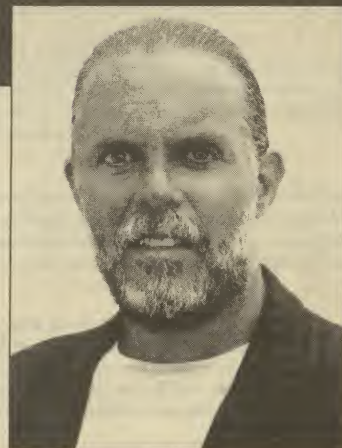
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## National News

# Attempted Murder Conviction Upheld in N.J. AIDS Bite Case

United Press International

TRENTON — On February 17 a New Jersey appeals court upheld the attempted murder conviction of a jail inmate with AIDS who bit a corrections officer.

Gregory Smith was sentenced to 25 years in prison with a minimum of 12 1/2 years to be served without parole eligibility, a term his lawyer said would amount to a life sentence, given Smith's medical problems.

Smith was being held in the Camden County Jail

awaiting trial on robbery charges at the time of the 1989 assault on Daniel Waddington.

Smith's attorney William Kunstler unsuccessfully argued that AIDS cannot be spread by biting and that accusing him of attempted murder was as logical as bringing the same charge against someone who stuck pins in a wax image of an enemy.

But a three-judge appeals panel found no conclusive evidence on AIDS infection and suggested that the question was not relevant to the ap-

peal.

"In this case, defendant's attempt did create a real danger," the court said. "By his hostile remarks and behavior during the biting accident, defendant demonstrated his intent to terrorize and seriously harm Waddington."

The case attracted wide notice from gay and AIDS activist groups, who demonstrated in support of Smith. They accused Camden County authorities of spreading panic about AIDS. ▼

## GLAAD Media Watch

Compiled by Hollie Conley

On February 9, the San Francisco Board of Education adopted a resolution to divest school district funds from the Bank of America, because the bank continues to support the homophobic policies of the Boy Scouts. Although a ban against gays is in effect for all Boy Scout chapters worldwide, the bank insists that scouting is "open to all boys" and provides "full access and equal opportunity" (and is thus eligible for the bank funding).

A recent fundraising letter from Thomas Bennet, executive vice president of the San Francisco Bay Area Boy Scout Council, reaffirms that "membership standards for youth and adults in the Boy Scouts of America HAVE NOT changed" and, whipping up homophobia to raise money, announces a "Stand Up! Speak Out! Campaign" to fend off a lesbian and gay "attack."

Six of the seven Board of Education members voted for the divestiture resolution, which was authored by President Tom Ammiano and Commissioner Angie Fa Ammiano said he offered the resolution in the spirit of Harvey Milk, to send a message of hope to lesbian and gay youth.

The resolution will now be forwarded to City Treasurer Mary Callahan, who has not yet indicated support for divestment, for her opinion. Encourage her to implement the resolution. Write Mary I. Callahan, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco, City Hall, Room 110, San Francisco, CA 94102, tel. 415-554-4478.

### The Economist

An editorial in the February 6 issue of *The Economist*, the London-based international news magazine, cited false information to support the notion that American lesbians and gays already have equal rights and only want special treatment.

With the promising title "Gay rights or human rights? The distinction America needs to draw," the editorial began by supporting President Clinton's initiative to end discrimination against lesbians and gays in the military. The piece then went on to condemn anti-discrimination laws (when based on sexual orientation) because "homosexuals already have rights ... under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution ... By right, and by law, homosexuals already may not be barred from equal access to housing and jobs."

Although 22 states still have sodomy laws, *The Economist* claimed that "these are aimed at heterosexuals too" (some of these laws do prohibit some heterosexual acts; some do not).

It gets worse. On the issue of recent hate initiatives, *The Economist* condemned Oregon's Measure 9 as a "blatantly nasty proposal," but claimed, falsely, that "even that did not seek to limit the civil rights of homosexuals." Turning to Colorado, *The Economist* claims that Amendment 2 was the natural result of anti-discrimination laws, because "protective laws, when aimed at a particular group, single that group out, and may draw

down upon it real resentment, against which laws can have little effect." The anti-discrimination laws in question (in Boulder, Aspen and Denver), protected everyone, heterosexual and homosexual, from discrimination based on sexual orientation; Amendment 2 cites only lesbians, gays, and bisexuals from being ineligible for protection by these laws.

You may respond to the rewriting of history at *The Economist*, 25 St. James's Street, London SW1A1HG, Britain; fax 071-839-2968.

### Nat'l Academy of Sciences

A 300-page report by the National Academy of Sciences concludes that the importance of AIDS has been overestimated. According to *The Social Impact of AIDS*, the disease won't have a lasting impact on society because it's been limited to marginal communities.

The report also argues on behalf of "traditional public health methods" such as "quarantine, mass mandatory testing, and contact tracing" which it claims may be given more attention as the epidemic shifts "into populations that are less politically potent than the gay community."

The response of American religious groups to AIDS has been, according to the report, "notable and nuanced. ... notable because, on the whole, it has followed the religious imperative to provide compassionate care and has repudiated discrimination" — although discrimination against people with HIV has as often been instigated as repudiated by churches around the country, and many churches have used the epidemic to promote their prejudices, even to the point of actively spreading misinformation about epidemiology. The report did not address the Reagan and Bush administrations' fight against addressing the problem of HIV in its early years, nor their cynical use of the disease to promote homophobic moral agendas.

Contact the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20418, tel. 202-334-2000.

### PA Education Alert

The Pennsylvania Board of Education has adopted a school curriculum reform proposal including guidelines for curriculum diversity. Fearful that some schools might actually follow the guidelines and teach tolerance, homophobes in the state House of Representatives have introduced a bill to quash the Board of Education's initiative. To resolve the conflict, the governor has called on the state Legislature to organize "concerned citizens" to reach a consensus on the "controversial" regulations.

Ask the majority chairs of the Pennsylvania House & Senate to fight for more inclusive diversity guidelines for school curricula. Insist that curriculum reform proposals specifically define "diversity" as inclusive of sexual minorities. Write to Chaka Fattah, Majority Chair, Pennsylvania Senate, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg PA 17120; and Ron Cowell, Majority Chair, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg PA 17120. ▼

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## Former Priest Now Faces 41 Child Sex Abuse Charges

United Press International

NEW BEDFORD — A Massachusetts court has upheld 41 of 46 sex molestation indictments against former Roman Catholic priest James Porter, ruling a provision in the state's statute of limitations did not violate his constitutional rights.

Bristol County District Attorney Paul F. Walsh Jr. released the 25-page decision by Superior Court Chief Justice Robert L. Steadman, who ruled that most of the indictments were "solidly grounded on both the facts and the law."

"We look forward to giving the victims their day in court," Walsh said in a statement. He did not announce a date for bringing Porter to Massachusetts for trial.

Porter, 57, is serving a six-month prison term in Minnesota for fondling a family baby sitter.

The former priest had asked Massachusetts Superior Court to dismiss all the indictments against him in Massachusetts, claiming the state's six-year statute of limitations had expired on crimes that allegedly occurred in the 1960s.

Porter was indicted in Massachusetts in 1992 on 46 counts of sexually molesting 33 children between April

1960 and August 1967, when he left the state.

The court said it rejected Porter's contention that his right to a fair trial was violated because the law stops the clock on the statute of limitations when a perpetrator leaves the state.

Steadman ruled the provision stopping the clock "is constitutionally valid as applied in this case." Steadman said it did not violate Porter's rights to equal protection, nor did it violate his rights to due process. The justice did dismiss a couple of indictments stemming from 1960 incidents as being too old to prosecute.

As to Porter's contention that the victims' memories would be impaired by the passage of time, the court said Porter would have ample opportunity to challenge them during cross examination.

Steadman declined to rule on Porter's concerns that pre-trial publicity has impaired his ability to get a fair trial, but left open the possibility that he could apply later for a change of venue.

Porter, who left the priesthood in 1973, has also been named in civil suits in New Mexico and Minnesota, as well as in Massachusetts. He was convicted in December in Minnesota of molesting his children's teen-age baby sitter in 1987 in the St. Paul suburb

of Oakdale, where he lived with his wife and four children.

There have been complaints of child sexual abuse against him in Rhode Island and New Hampshire but no charges have been filed.

Attorney Peter G. DeGelleke of Concord, who represents Porter, said he plans within two weeks to ask the state Supreme Court to decide on the constitutional questions he raised in his motions to dismiss.

He said this is not exactly the same as an appeal, "but because the high court has jurisdiction over all courts in the state, there are constitutional questions that should be decided before going through the time and expense of a full trial."

DeGelleke said if the high court decides not to review, Porter will go on trial. He said that if there is a conviction, that would then be appealed.

Roderick MacLeish Jr. of Boston, who represents the alleged victims, said his clients "will be glad to hear this news" that most of the indictments have been upheld, but he said he expects it will still be some time before the case goes to trial because higher courts will be asked to decide on the "serious" issues raised by DeGelleke. ▼

## New AIDS Treatment Research: Antisense

United Press International

CLEVELAND — Joint research by the Cleveland Clinic and the National Institutes of Health indicates that the function of genes causing cancer and viral infections, including AIDS, may be blocked by using a new drug.

The drug, 2-5A-antisense, causes the breakdown of unwanted messenger RNA. Messenger RNA determines the protein that will be made in the cell. When the unwanted RNA is broken down, the gene cannot function.

The study results were published in the February 15 issue of *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"The research is in its very early stages," said Dr. Robert Silverman of the Cleveland Clinic's Cancer Biology Department, "but our results are exciting."

"This method takes a much more targeted approach to treating viral infections and cancer."

The method reported uses a modified "antisense," which is a piece of DNA that seeks out and binds with messenger RNA.

"Antisense inhibits gene function by mechanisms that aren't entirely clear," Silverman said.

Antisense was first used to prevent gene function in 1978 by Dr. Paul Zamecnik of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology.

Since then, research has fo-

cused on inhibiting cancer and viruses without harming healthy tissue.

Silverman, a biochemist, and his research associate, Dr. Ratan Maitra, use a two-part molecule synthesized by Dr. Paul Torrence, a chemist at the NIH, and his research team.

One part of the molecule is antisense, and attached to that is an enzyme activator, known as 2-5A. The antisense binds to the unwanted messenger RNA, which is then destroyed by the activated enzyme.

The implications? "In any virus, the genes have a sequence unique in nature. In theory, we can make an antisense that will bind only to the virus RNA without binding to human RNA, thereby destroying the virus without harming the person."

Cancer genes also have unique sequences that could be targeted and similarly destroyed, Silverman said.

Present treatments that kill viruses and cancer cells also may destroy healthy cells in the body and weaken immune systems.

Silverman cautions that his and Torrence's findings have been in cell extracts, not within animals or people. However, he said, "we have put the model into practice, and we are very excited about this because of the potential." ▼



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## Obituaries



**Scott Wright Johnson**  
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Scott died at St. Mary's hospital, Four South, AIDS dementia unit.  
Scott's ashes will be scattered at sea. ▼

**Wayne Lang**  
February 12, 1993

Wayne Lang, man-about-town, known throughout the community, left this life on February 12 of this year. Born in Virginia, Wayne enjoyed a strong bond with his mother and his many friends in the city.

His pixie sense of humor and his most direct honesty earned him a special niche. He loved to be known as the "royal puke."

A celebration of Wayne's life will be held at the Kokpit, 301 Turk St., on Sunday, February 28 from 1-3 p.m. ▼

**Marcus Isamu Robinson**  
June 6, 1958–Feb. 4, 1993



Marcus I. Robinson, 34, former Bay Area resident, died peacefully at home in West Van Nuys from AIDS. Throughout his illness, Marcus received love and support from family and friends. He died surrounded and held by James Courtright, his lover of eight years; mother, Nobuko; sister Juneko Junie; favorite nurse Tony Anderson and beloved dog Sophie to the accompaniment of Pachelbel's Canon, Marc's favorite classical piece. Survivors include sister and brother-in-law Paki and Thomas Mowry; father, William, and close friends Eric Guffman and John Kelly. Marcus's gifted intellect allowed for a distinguished banking career. By age 21, Marcus was an experienced supervisor in loan accounting and at the unprecedented age of 27 made Vice President of Loan Services for Columbus-Marin Savings and later for Olympic National of Los Angeles. Throughout life, Marcus enjoyed traveling, old movies and loved animals. Fond of creating with his hands, he was skilled at classic car restoration, gardening, home remodeling and woodworking. His magnetism, humor and vivid storytelling will be painfully missed. A memorial will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, February 27 at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin, SF. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to any AIDS organization. ▼

**Kevin Sean Douglas**

Science officer Kevin Sean Douglas,



fondly known as "The Seanster," was mortally wounded in battle against the galactic terror known as the AIDS virus. Sean's humor will be missed by all of us who knew him and served with him in his many capacities. Sean's many posts include a stint at Winterland Productions as a floor supervisor, bartending at My Place, The Watering Hole, The Emperor, and last but not least, lighting director of The Lavender Lounge show on Via-Com. You could always tell when Sean had entered the bar, he was always preceded by a little red dot that issued from a small pen laser that he carried. Born and raised in Canada, he had that touch of an accent that was so endearing.

He is survived by his parents, William and Muriel Clearbrook; brothers Gregory and Christopher (their wives Elaine & Chantale, respectively) of BC and Ontario, Canada; and his sister, Carol Margaret, also of BC. He will be especially missed by himself Eric, David Thompson and his ex-business partner Bill MacDonald of BC.

I for one am finally looking forward to heaven, because I know my buddy Sean will have one hell of a light show waiting for me to see. Luv Ya Buddy! ▼

**Carl R. Vogt**

Nov. 24, 1944–Jan. 22, 1993

Our friend Carl died quietly in the early morning of January 22, 1993, of AIDS related complications at Coming Home Hospice. He was 48 years old. Son of Marie and the late Alphonse Vogt, brother of Chester, Joanne, Mary Lou and Thomas; and uncle to many nieces and nephews; long standing friend of Mike Ahern, Steve Weitz, Andre Karcz, Janice Kaempfe and everybody at St. James Episcopal Church of San Francisco; Al, Mike, Jerry and Jim of Chicago; Dorothea, John, Ian and Catherine of Toronto.

Carl was born in Colombia, MO; graduated from St. Louis University and DePaul University, he was a very fine man devoted to excellence in all of his affairs. He was very well mannered and cultured. He loved old and foreign movies, classical music, English literature, European art, good ethnic food and stimulating company. He traveled all over the world and was strongly influenced by European culture, music and old world traditions.

Deeply missed by all his friends and family who will always remember and cherish the gift his presence brought to our lives. We wish especially to thank the staff of Coming Home Hospice and all the members of St. James who surrounded Carl with love and support during his illness.

A memorial service was held on January 31, 1993 at St. James Church in San Francisco and Carl's ashes were sent to be buried in his family plot in Missouri. Contributions can be made to Coming Home Hospice, 1390 Market St., #510, SF 94102 or to the AIDS charity of your choice. ▼

**Mike Sarfaty**

Nov. 25, 1952–Jan. 20, 1993

With loving friends at his side, Mike's five-year battle with AIDS ended peacefully at his home on January 20.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Mike moved to San Francisco in 1976 after completing his graduate studies in environmental science at UC Berkeley. He founded Liberty Heights Realty in 1980. Throughout his productive career as a broker, promoting gay ownership of Bay Area real estate was a major priority.

Mike confronted health issues with the same resolve and tenacity he brought to everything else in his life. To the end, he was strong-willed, feisty and determined to meet problems

head-on. He had an insatiable appetite for information, and he loved to debate all sides of an issue. An accomplished square dancer and outdoorsman, he was equally at home on the ski slopes or programming his computer.

Mike was a giver, never a taker, who tended to take control of his friends' problems and make them his own. His commitment to human rights, environmental and gay-related causes will continue through the charitable trust he created before his death.

Mike's friends and loved ones will miss his directness, intensity, charm and warm, sparkling smile. In addition to his gay family, his survivors include his brother Bob Loveless of Montreal; his father, Bernie Sarfaty, and his mother Sadie in Los Angeles. For more information, call 821-1192. ▼

**Jackson Schulte**

May 6, 1946–Jan. 30, 1993

Our friend Jackson Schulte left us at 8:20 a.m. on Saturday, January 30, after living with HIV disease for ten years. He had courageously fought a couple of bouts of PCP and numerous minor infections before succumbing to AIDS-related lymphoma of the brain.

He loved to collect odds and ends which he found on the street or in dumpsters and had a unique ability to make beautiful things from other people's throwaways. He participated in several open studio programs and seemed happiest when he was working on his art exhibits.

Because of his masculine good looks, sensitivity, sense of style, and general good humor, Jackson attracted numerous friends. We feel a keen sense of loss at his passing but will treasure our memories of him in our hearts forever.

Jackson is survived by his mother, Bernadette Schulte of Cleveland, Ohio, and his lifelong pal Fleepo. A memorial service was held in his home at Most Holy Redeemer Church on February 11, and a mass will be said for him in Cleveland on Saturday, February 27.

May you rest in peace, sweet buddy.

**Patrick Toner, Jr.**

Sept. 20, 1962–Jan. 26, 1993

To mourn too long for those we love is self-indulgent — but to honor their memory with a promise to live a better life for having known them, gives purpose to their life — and some reason for their death ... I thank you Patrick, for the time that we have had together, in this life. Knowing you has changed me forever because you showed me how to love again. For that gift, I shall always remember and love you.

You were the best in family, in friendship, you have left a place in our hearts forever. Thank you for being such a wonderful uncle — your godson's Nikilao, Michael Patrick and Rita Rockett.

Please come and "celebrate" his life! Sunday, February 28, from 1-3 p.m. at Chez Mole. Donations may be made in Rick's memory to Rita Rockett Brunch Fund, co 475 Dolores #1, San Francisco, CA 94110. ▼

**John Richard (Rick) Hunter**  
Aug. 3, 1955–Jan. 24, 1993

Rick passed on in Winter Park, Florida, on January 24 in his sleep — the best way to go in my book. At his side was his family, making sure he was comfortable and loved right up to the very end of his year-long struggle with AIDS.

Rick loved his home in San Francisco, but remained very close to all of his family in Florida. Being well-traveled, he lived for a number of years in both Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo, and even lived for a time in Alaska near one of his brothers, working as part of a conservation corp. His eventual choice of career, however,

was in the field of dental hygiene, which he practiced for several years at A People Oriented Dental Practice in San Francisco. He certainly taught me how to improve my smile.

Dearest Rick — you left behind so many people who love you. For as long as I live, you will always be a part of me and in my heart. Be at peace, until we meet again. I love you. ▼

**Wilfred E. Herber**

Oct. 1, 1936–Feb. 14, 1993

Wilfred passed away at his home in

San Francisco at 6:19 p.m. on Valentine's Day (one of his favorite holidays). He is survived by his father, brother, and Aunt Mildred. He had a B.A. from the University of Texas and a Masters from S.F. State. He was an educator for many years and spent his final 12 years of teaching at James Madison Junior High School in Oakland, CA. He was a well respected artist, having exhibitions at the Houston Museum of Fine Art, The Dallas Museum of Fine Art, Lateliter Gallery, The Proxenium, and the Canery in SF. He was an avid collector of antiques and specialty art.

In his final months, he refused to see many of his friends, very special friends, but he certainly didn't forget any friend. Wilfred will be loved forever and very likely never forgotten, especially if you knew him well. Wilfred's friends — having been expressing their love and support for so long, in his memory, please take a moment to acknowledge yourself for helping Will live his way. ▼

**Steven George McLean**

Jan. 23, 1958–Feb. 12, 1993

Steve is from New York, Colorado and California. It was here that he received many certificates in Metaphysics — simultaneously received a degree in Psychology at S.F.S.U. and a diver's certificate. "Stephin's" dream to be face

to face with a much-admired dolphin (hence his nickname) or whale would come true. In 1988 and in 1990 he volunteered for Project Circe, where he met and swam with Circe, Terry and their offspring, Panama and Delphi. In 1990 he was part of the rescue team that helped Humphrey the "errant" whale free. (That's the Steve in the Chron photo on October 24, 1990).

Stephin was given many gifts in this life. Not only all of the above but every inch of his six feet-something (with clear, big, beautiful and blue eyes, probably why the late Frank Remitz fell in love with him) was an archetype of, need I say? ... but just to be with, which he depended on to help him get through his days as a volunteer with AIDS patients.

Stephin passed over in his home at 7:30 a.m. His mother, his primary caretaker and his dad were present. ▼

**Dean Antony "Dino" Kelly**  
February 2, 1993

Dean Antony Kelly, 24, San Francisco native, at rest February 2, 1993. Beloved son of Jean D. Carlisle; dear brother of Marc, Michele, Dawn, the late Patrick; cousin of Michael; loved by many relatives and friends.

He died in the arms of his mother at Brookside Hospital in San Pablo. Dean was a very popular bartender and food server in the San Francisco Bay Area. Diagnosed with AIDS on September 16, 1993, Dean suffered greatly from cancer, radiation, and chemotherapy treatments and Pneumocystis. Cared for by his friends, he was brave and dignified throughout his illness.

There will be a requiem and reception for Dean on Saturday, February 27, 2 p.m., at the All Saints Episcopal Church. Gifts to All Saints Church food program in memory of Dean preferred, 1350 Waller St., SF 94117. ▼

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## Obituaries

Raymond D. Rifling, Jr.  
February 14, 1993

Raymond D. Rifling, Jr., passed away



Sunday, February 14, 1993 surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was 31. He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Sr.; he is survived by his partner Richard Woodul of San Francisco; a daughter Katie Donovan; his mother, Erline, and his sisters Cathy D'Arcangis and Theresa Moore, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Deborah Moore of Enid, OK; two nephews and three nieces, also surviving are his grandmother Imogene Riding and grandparents Joe and Juanita Torres, as well as many friends and acquaintances who knew and loved him, a native of Albuquerque, New Mexico and a graduate of Stanford University. Most recently employed by KCBS Radio in San Francisco, Ray was a volunteer with NGRA and KPFA. He loved languages and travel, and was an inspired chef.

The family requests that donations be directed to any AIDS research or service associated with people living with AIDS.

Private services have been held under the direction of Comisky Roche funeral home, San Francisco.

John Richard Littlejohn  
Aug. 12, 1943–Feb. 15, 1993

Funeral services for John Richard Littlejohn will be held Tuesday, February 23. Meditation hour will be Monday, February 22 at 7 p.m.



Richard was born August 12, 1943 and passed away on February 15, 1993.

Survivors include wife, Vernetta, and two daughters Tammy and Johna Littlejohn; mother, Claudia Littlejohn of Bakersfield, CA; four brothers Ron, Charles, Tyrone of Bakersfield, Gary of Highline, CA; three sisters Doris and Patricia Littlejohn of Sacramento, CA, Avon King of Seattle, WA; one granddaughter Samantha. He has a host of relatives and friends. ▼

Bob Catano

July 9, 1960–Feb. 14, 1993

The eldest of three children, Bob was born and raised in the East and South



Bay areas. He enjoyed self-expression through artistic and literary endeavors. He developed a passion for dancing at the Trocadero and the Endup, and playing in the South of Market in '83. On July 17, 1987,

Bob turned his life around by entering into recovery. He then devoted his life to helping others at 18th Street Services and within the NA fellowship. He enjoyed several trips to Europe, and spent his last weeks in the comfort of favorite friends, flowers, food, music and movies. There will be a memorial service for Bob at 18th Street Services/The Meeting Place (2185 Market at 15th St.) on Saturday, February 27 at 10 a.m. in room A. Bob requested everyone attending the memorial to wear a red ribbon. Donations in Bob's memory may be made to 18th Street Services, 217 Church Street, SF, CA 94114. ▼

Richard Glover

Feb. 13, 1993

Richard Glover, 52, died February 13, 1993 of a brain tumor in his home. Born in Illinois, he practiced law for many years in Chicago and San Francisco; he was employed by Matt Bender and Co. in Oakland at the time of his death.

He is survived by his mother, Helen Guess; and brother Dennis. He was preceded in death by John Pearce, his love of nine years. His former fiancée, Linda Noyle, of Chicago made it possible for Dick to die at home, as she became his primary caregiver, assisted by friends Herbert Louck, Carol Sanders, and George Woyames. Services will be held Saturday, February 27 at 2 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St., in San Francisco. Contributions may be made in his name to Most Holy Redeemer Support Group. ▼

## HIV News

# Fauci, Others: No Evidence of New AIDS Virus

by Karen Klinger  
UPI Science Writer

BOSTON — Scientists have found no evidence that a new AIDS virus or any other infectious agent causes a mysterious and apparently rare immune system disorder, it was reported this month.

Government researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta who investigated the cases of 47 people with unexplained immune suppression, but no signs of HIV, said they may be suffering from a variety of unrelated disorders.

In July, news from the Eighth International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam that investigators had identified a small number of people with a baffling, AIDS-like disorder provoked fears that a new AIDS virus had emerged.

But in reports appearing in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, scientists said that while they do not know what causes the syndrome, the two known types of AIDS viruses do not appear to be implicated. In addition, they said no other known virus or microbe has been identified as a likely cause.

Researchers also said there were no signs of immune deficiency in sexual partners of people with the illness they studied, or in family members or blood donors. As a result,

they found nothing to suggest the disorder is transmitted from one person to another.

In addition, only 40 percent of those in the CDC study had risk factors for the AIDS virus. About one-third were women, three times the proportion nationwide of women with AIDS or HIV.

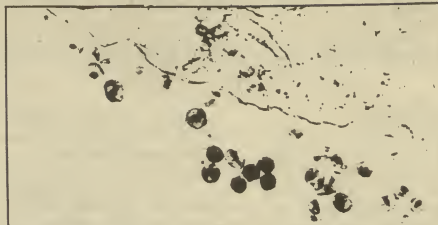
Investigators said a review of 230,179 cases reported to the CDC's AIDS Reporting System turned up only two that fit the definition of the AIDS-like syndrome, suggesting that the disorder is rare.

Because people with the newly-recognized disorder have low levels of disease-fighting cells known as CD4 T-cells, which are a crucial part of the immune system, the CDC gave the disease the name "CD4 T-lymphocytopenia."

Government investigators led by Dr. Scott Holmberg suggested that the syndrome may not be new. They said a few similar cases have been identified during the past decade.

In another report, investigators at New York University who studied 12 people with the illness said the patients' symptoms, including infections and fatigue, frequently differed from those of AIDS patients.

The NYU scientists, directed by Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Re-



HIV leaving a cell

search Center, did not rule out the possibility that an unidentified virus might cause CD4 T-lymphocytopenia, although they said the means of transmission is unclear.

Researchers at Boston City Hospital said in a separate study that four patients with the AIDS-like illness they followed for as long as 5 1/2 years continued to have suppressed immunity, but their immune cell levels did not keep dropping, as often happens in people with AIDS.

The Boston investigators said it is not known how best to treat people with the condition, although they recommended that those with very low levels of immune cells receive drugs to ward off infections such as *Pneumocystis*, which can be deadly in AIDS patients.

In an editorial accompanying the studies, Dr. Anthony

Fauci of the National Institutes of Health criticized the news media for its initial handling of reports about the mysterious disorder.

"The media attention and in some cases the near-hysteria that accompanied the discussion of this problem in Amsterdam and soon thereafter were partly a reflection of global anxiety that has resulted from the AIDS epidemic," he said.

"For fear of being perceived as withholding information critical to the public health, certain clinical investigators were virtually forced to discuss publicly data that were at best preliminary and not even confirmed by their own laboratories," he added.

Fauci said the episode "should underscore the fact that the best answers to important questions about public health come from the scientific process," and "not from a media frenzy." ▼

## Corrections:

In a news article in the February 18 *Bay Area Reporter* about Michael Gruebel's out of court settlement following an attack by a tenant in the Dalt Hotel, Gruebel's name was misspelled. Also the Dalt Hotel is on Turk Street, not Jones Street.

In a recent news article about Robert Runkle's employment discrimination case against Asset Care, a typographic error indicated Runkle learned that he suffered from HIV infection in 1969. The virus that causes AIDS was not discovered until the mid '80s and tests were not developed to detect HIV infection until 1985. Runkle learned that he had HIV infection in 1989.

## Obituary Policy

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# Falwell Accuses Gays of 'Shaking Their Fists in the Face of God'

Says if Faithful Don't Ante Up, He'll Shut Down His TV Program

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON—Seeking to energize his followers with fears of gays in the military, right-wing religious leader Jerry Falwell has issued a new direct mail appeal to his flock calling on them to help him "save the nation" from "homosexuals, abortionists, feminists and humanists."

Falwell, founder of the now defunct Moral Majority conservative lobby, wrote his fundraising appeal on behalf of his syndicated religious program, *The Old Time Gospel Hour*, which is seen in more than 90 percent of the nation's leading media markets.

The four-page letter includes a large ballot which asks the reader to check one box, "yes" or "no," asking, "Has America Lost Its Vision Of Being A Nation Under God?" Each "yes" response, the minister writes, constitutes an agreement to send a tax-deductible contribution to the organization and to pray for his success.

In the letter, Falwell asserts that, according to Biblical scripture, America is now "closer to facing the judgment of God than ever before in my lifetime!"

"MY HEART IS ON FIRE!" he wrote in boldface type, underlined twice.

"Satan is launching an all-out attack on biblical principles in this nation," he stressed. "Satan knows the end is near."

Falwell then listed what he viewed as the "unbelievable"

force Christian schools and organizations — "in defiance of their beliefs — to hire a quota of homosexuals." He further denounced the Freedom of Choice Act, which would codify the 1973 Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision in federal law, and condemned the French abortion pill RU-486 as a "do-it-yourself abortion kit" that would likely be legalized in the United States "shortly."

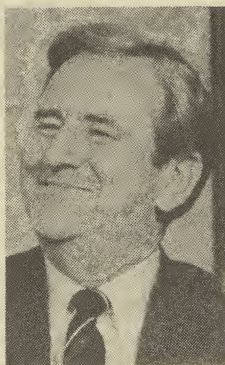
"This is the agenda of the homosexuals, abortionists, feminists and humanists," he warned. "These men and women are shaking their fists in the face of God saying, 'We will do as we please and we do not care whether you like it or not!'"

Citing passages from scripture, the conservative stalwart suggested that these moves towards gay and abortion rights are a sign of the oncoming apocalypse, offering another list of purported evils as examples. They included the public acceptance of pre- and extra-marital sex; the proliferation of abortion, alcohol, drugs, and divorce; the fact that 75 elected officials "publicly profess their homosexuality"; and the assertion that homosexuality "is being taught as acceptable in our



things that are happening "in our beloved America" that have led him to this conclusion.

He professed that "for the first time in American history, homosexuality is being officially endorsed as an alternate lifestyle"; suggested that "we are only days away from seeing the U.S. military infiltrated with gay men and lesbians"; said that legislation pending in Congress would



Jerry Falwell

One Generation"; "The Deadly Generation"; and "America Endorses Perversion: Judgment Is Imminent."

"I am pleading with you to help me be GOD'S VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS."

William Waybourn, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, said Falwell's letter was "typical" of what he called the minister's "scare tactics." Under normal circumstances, he suggested, it would lead gay groups to employ some of the same to bolster their own support.

"But luckily, we don't need to do that now," he added. "Sam Nunn has done that for us," referring to the Democratic Georgia Senator who as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee helped forestall President Clinton's pledge to repeal the Pentagon's ban on gays.

"They've lost the abortion issue," Waybourn contended. "Now they're seizing on us as their best rallying point."

Waybourn noted that during a recent broadcast of *The Old Time Gospel Hour*, Falwell denounced him, plus openly gay Clinton adviser David Mixner and spokespersons for the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force by name. This, he said, was "somewhat disconcerting" and led to an increase in harassing calls and faxes to him and other gay activists mentioned in the broadcast. ▼

public schools — even to first grade children."

Falwell went on to stress that he "simply must raise this entire \$250,000 in the next few days" in order to keep his religious television program on the air.

As an incentive to donors, he offered that with every donation of over \$25, he would send respondents a videotape entitled, "FIVE MESSAGES TO SAVE THE NATION."

"I believe God gave me these five messages to help call this great nation back to Himself."

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## Rocky Mt. Methodists Hold Colorado 'Teach-In'

by Dennis Conkin

As it fends off repeated calls to boycott the proposed 1996 United Methodist Church General Conference — set for anti-gay Colorado — the denomination's Rocky Mountain delegation says the event should instead be used as a "teach-in" against injustice and discrimination.

The ten-day general conference will draw an estimated 3,000 people from around the world for the meeting of the UMC's top legislative body to Colorado, site of Amendment 2, the most repressive anti-gay initiative ever approved by American voters.

The proposal by the small delegation calls for Methodists from around the world to attend a Colorado "teach in" and "learn and witness together against injustice and discrimination directed toward any human being," according to United Methodist News Service. It was not explained how the throng of 3,000 hope to have a pro-gay effect that is greater than or equal to the effect of their dollars on the homophobic state's economy.

Four of the six Western Region UMC bishops, including San Francisco's Bishop Melvin Talbert, have demanded that the conference be moved from Colorado to protest the passage of Amend-

ment 2 last November.

The amendment to the Colorado constitution prohibits "any of its political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing any law or policy which provides that homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct or relationship constitute or entitles a person to claim any minority or protected status, quota preferences or discrimination."

Enforcement of the law, which was approved by a 53-47 percent margin, has been blocked by court order until its constitutionality has been decided.

In urging the denomination not to pull the conference from Denver, Colorado, the Rocky Mountain delegation said that it was inconsistent to boycott Colorado over gay issues when a July convention of Methodist officials met in Las Vegas last July — even though the church opposes gambling.

A conference of Methodist bishops will confer on the issue in San Diego in May, and the UMC Commission on the General Conference, which has the authority to set the location and dates for the international conference, is expected to meet in Denver by June.

Perhaps significantly, the head of the church's Rocky Mountain delegation is from Grand Junction, Colorado. ▼

## Community News

# Lutherans Pay Cash To Shut Up Gay Pastor

by Dennis Conkin

The terms of a confidential 1988 settlement between a gay Lutheran minister and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago have been made public five years later, with the expiration of the deal.

According to documents obtained by the *Bay Area Reporter*, the seminary paid the gay minister \$100,000 to avoid a lawsuit and negative publicity about the incident.

The pastor, Dr. David Deppe, was a tenured member of the LSTC faculty when he was 'outed' by several members of a faculty wives group with which Deppe's wife had shared concerns

about the couple's marriage.

The confidential information was then leaked to seminary authorities, who asked for Deppe's resignation.

Deppe refused to resign, saying the information had been obtained unethically and that he had already told the president of the seminary that he was gay.

"When I first came to seminary, I told President Leshner I was gay and that I planned to work with Lutherans Concerned, a gay support group and gay clergy. He didn't seem to have any problem with it then," Deppe said.

Deppe obtained legal counsel and negotiated a settlement package with the semi-

nary: in exchange for his departure, LSTC paid Deppe his full salary for a year and a half and monthly payments over the four year period. The total package, which ended in December 1992, came to \$105,000.

The sum is the largest ever paid by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to a gay clergy member.

The ELCA prohibits gay clergy from being sexually active.

"According to those guidelines, it's ok to be gay but no to be practising and at the time, I wasn't practising. They had no reason to ask for my resignation and they knew it," Deppe said. ▼



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## World Briefs

(Continued from page 13)

ter of social affairs threatened legal action against the book following a newspaper's revelations that *Spartacus* includes tips on finding sex with minors in the Third World.

A *Spartacus* spokesperson in Germany responded "that there is absolutely no hint in the present guide where contacts with children or minors are possible and that the same is applicable to the forthcoming issue."

• Meanwhile, what may be the world's only newspaper for gay/lesbian senior citizens has published its 25th issue. For a copy of *Gay-Senioren* (in Swedish), write RFSL Seniors Group, Box 45 090, 104 30 Stockholm, Sweden.

**SWITZERLAND** — There are now more than 600,000 reported AIDS cases worldwide, the World Health Organization reported January 15, but the real number is probably 2.5 million, the agency said.

Forty percent of reported cases (242,146) are in the United States. An estimated 13 million people are HIV-positive worldwide, WHO said.

• The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra played a benefit for Swiss AIDS Help January 12 in Lucerne. The money went to a fund that provides direct aid to PWAs who are broke.

**TAIWAN** — *The Wedding*, a film about a Taiwanese student who comes out of the closet while studying in New York, is the Taiwanese Film Commission's best hope for a trophy at the Berlin Film Festival, reported the Taiwan media. Meanwhile, a collation of Taiwanese movie critics' lists of the ten-best foreign films of 1992 revealed that *My Own Private Idaho* showed up more often than any other movie. It was not, however, among the top foreign moneymakers, a list that was headed by *Basic Instinct*, which some U.S. gays denounced as homophobic. (Correspondent Jason Lin)

**VIETNAM** — Vietnam has barred all HIV-positives from getting married and is force-testing gays, prostitutes, prisoners, drug addicts, immigrants, and foreigners who stay in the country for more than three months, the Vietnam News Agency reported January 8.

Although only 79 Vietnamese are known to be HIV-positive and no one is known to have advanced to AIDS, the government fears an epidemic is looming due to increased tourism, drug use and prostitution.

**ZIMBABWE** — One-sixth of the population is now HIV-positive, according to a private study released January 17. ▼

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# Gay in China: 'We Lead the Lives of Ghosts'

by John Leicester

BEIJING (UPI) — Visibly nervous, Mr. Z., who is married with one son, clears his throat and prepares to speak. Finally, in a quiet and shaky voice, he says he is gay.

Such an admission in public could cost 41-year-old Mr. Z. his job, his family, and his friends. But at "Men's World," China's first support group for gay men, gays are guaranteed anonymity, understanding, and their first chance to speak freely.

Sipping tea and nibbling peanuts, they talk about the hostile world outside.

"My family would disown me if they knew," says one.

"Yeah," agrees another. "People look on us as abnormal."

Many complain of police harassment and the fact that without gay bars and clubs, gay men must cruise public parks and toilets for partners, under constant threat of arrest.

For decades the Chinese government denied that homosexuality existed and jailed anyone suspected of being gay, driving homosexuals — up to 40 million of them, by some estimates — underground. Now the threat of AIDS has forced officials to try to lure them back.

Officials at the National Health Education Institute, charged with disease prevention, set up "Men's World" last year in hopes Chinese gays can be warned about HIV before the virus devastates Chinese gay communities as it did in the West during the 1980s.

To date only three of China's 969 cases of HIV have been gay men, but health workers say these official figures are misleading.

"I think in reality the number could be much higher, [and] it is definitely going to rise," said Wan Yanhai, an official at the institute and a pioneer in AIDS prevention work among gay men.

His fears are based on China's first and only official study of homosexuals, conducted in 1991, which showed just 3.9 percent "knew a lot" about AIDS. Most felt AIDS posed no risk and only six percent had ever used condoms, despite having had up to hundreds of partners.

More worrying was that one-quarter of the 96 men surveyed were found to have a sexually transmitted disease, increasing the risk of HIV infection and suggesting many had engaged in unprotected sex.

Chinese custom also forces most men to marry and have children to carry on the family line, increasing fears that gay men could infect wives and children.

The response, led by Wan and a handful of volunteers, has been "Men's World" and a public awareness campaign. Stickers with the number of China's first AIDS hotline, set up in Wan's office in 1991, also have been posted in the 50-odd parks and toilets in Beijing used as pick-up points by gays.

Importantly, their work has prompted a rash of articles in the state-run media in recent weeks, lifting the veil on homosexuality.

Plans include a gay counseling hotline and center in Beijing, AIDS hotlines in Shanghai and Canton, handing out free condoms, and training bolder gay men as educators who would use their knowledge of China's secretive gay communities to teach safer sex practices.

But after years of official intolerance, with known homosexuals often ostracized at work and at home, many gays are too scared to care about AIDS.

Even those worried about AIDS fear using a condom will be seen as proof they are HIV-positive. Others believe AIDS is a foreigner's disease.

"The danger is huge and very real, but homosexuals here just aren't scared," said professor Li Yinhe, co-author of *Their World*, China's first private study of homosexuals, considered too sensitive to be published on the mainland.

"To most the threat of being arrested and revealed is far greater than that of AIDS," she said.

Some also suspect the institute's gay programs are really police fronts to entrap and unmask gays, said Wan. Of the 200-plus invitations sent out for the first "Men's World" in November, just 30 men turned up.

"There is no homosexual-related culture, and this makes AIDS education very difficult," said Wan. "What we need to change in China is not homosexuality, but the risk to homosexuals."

This progressive stance — which effectively calls for acceptance of gays as normal members of society — has drawn stinging criticism from colleagues.

Some have accused Wan of encouraging prostitution and sexual promiscuity — both serious offenses in China — and one workmate, in a written condemnation to the minister of public health, said, "Allowing this sort of person to give advice will only harm and poison people."

"It felt like the Cultural Revolution all over again," said Wan. He said officials also questioned neighbors to drag up aspects of his private life that could be used against him and his work.

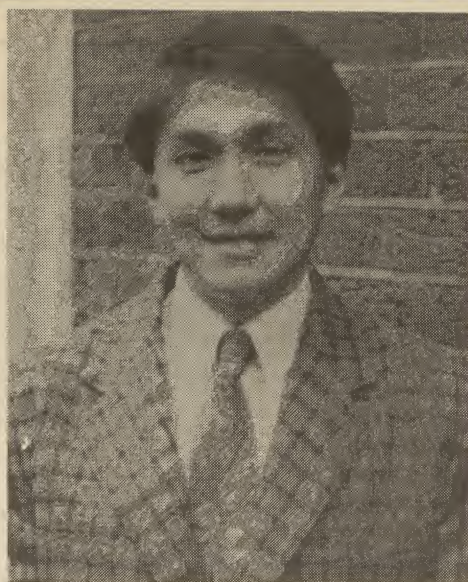
The Ministry of Public Health also has barred the World Health Organization from granting Wan badly needed funds because "they wouldn't want to be caught having given money to anything homosexual," said James Mullally, WHO's AIDS technical officer in Beijing. "It is just like the USA in the 1950s."

## The Forest of Ghosts

Like most Chinese gays, 32-year-old Han Yue (a pseudonym) strives to keep his secret from all but a close circle of gay friends. Like others, his biggest fear is that someone, someday, might find out he is gay.

"I've lived with this deep fear of discovery for years, and it knocks all the self-confidence out of you," he says, looking much older than his age. "Now I just feel inferior."

Han was arrested twice. Once the police beat him and then informed his boss, costing him a promising job as a clerk



## Asian and Christian and Gay

Born in Singapore, the Reverend Hong Tan (above) is a gay man who grew up in London, England, and now heads the Metropolitan Community Church in northern Europe. Tan will visit San Francisco March 5-7 as part of a program focusing on AIDS, Asian spirituality and cultures, and Christian fundamentalism. Tan will join local gay Asian-Pacific Islanders for a workshop March 6 at 10 a.m. titled "Asian and Christian and Gay: Problems and Prospects" at Golden Gate MCC, 1600 Clay Street. A luau-style lunch will follow and another panel, "Gay Asian Christians with AIDS," will take place at 1 p.m. Tan will preach March 7 at 12:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Golden Gate MCC. For more information, contact Crayne Kam at 567-9080.

at the Ministry of Culture.

His first homosexual encounter, at 16, was snatched in the dark during a violent earthquake in 1976 that knocked out Beijing's electricity supply.

Subsequent encounters took place in parks, toilets, and once at the so-called "Democracy Wall" in Beijing which, he says, was a favored meeting point for gays during the brief democracy movement in 1979.

Han Yue is unsure of how many sexual partners he has had, but he knows the figure is high. He knows he has never used a condom and he knows, but does not care, about AIDS.

"Most of us think, 'The sooner I get it, the sooner I'll be dead,'" he said. "We wouldn't think like that if we hadn't been hurt so badly."

Now he shares a cramped Beijing flat with his mother. But he leaves every Lunar New Year — China's equivalent of Christmas when families come together — because his elder brother a few years back stumbled across a private diary recording his homosexual encounters.

"If I'm there at New Year my brother will eat, then he'll drink, then he could start talking about me and I would be finished," he says.

In secret, he attends "Men's World." But he is skeptical of recent official attempts to publicize the existence of homosexuality in China.

"The newspaper talk about how hard it is abroad, about how gays in America and Europe are mistreated, but they never talk about how hard it is for Chinese homosexuals," he said. "We don't live like human beings. We live the life of ghosts."

*The Forest of Ghosts* also is the title for a book Han Yue has written recalling his ex-

periences and those of gay friends. Stories of arrest and beatings at the hands of the police he says, happen every day.

The book includes a particularly disturbing passage describing the arrest and rape of one of his gay companions by members of the People's Militia, the volunteer civilian force that often patrols homosexual haunts.

"It broke him," Han Yue recalls. "He wanted to commit suicide."

*The Forest of Ghosts* has attracted the interest of a state-run publishing firm in south China's freewheeling Hainan Province, but so far the company's managers say the book is too sensitive to put on the market.

To Han Yue, their decision comes as little surprise.

"This is still China," he said. "I really love my country like I love my mother, but she's not perfect and in some respects I hate her with all my heart."

Foreign reports have said China's Ministry of Public Security called on police in 1992 to stop treating homosexuals as criminals, but health workers say attempts to change police attitudes toward gays have met with limited success.

"They're just not very worldly when it comes to homosexuality," said Mullally. "Until you convince Public Security that they have a public health role, then they are probably not going to do anything."

Police spokesmen have attended meetings at the institute and professed recognition of the need for education, not persecution, of gays, but homosexuals say raids and beatings at the hands of the police and the People's Militia continue.

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4. Chance that a woman will die during childbirth: 8 in 100,000
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6. Number of performances on Broadway of *Torch Song Trilogy*: 1,166
7. Number of memorial services for AIDS victims that were disrupted last year by religious fundamentalists: 19
8. A PWA's chance of contracting tuberculosis in 1992: 1 in 10
9. A PWA's chance of contracting active tuberculosis this year: 1 in 8
10. Number of TB patients presently quarantined in New York City: 73
11. Effectiveness rate of the new condom for women: 88 percent
12. Since the epidemic began, the number of children under age 18 who've developed full-blown AIDS in San Francisco: 34
13. Estimated percentage of gays who voted for Ross Perot for president: 14
14. Estimated percentage of gays who voted for George Bush for president: 15
15. Favorite vacation spot of surveyed gays: Hawaii
16. Net gain in the number of congressional gay rights supporters since last year: 12
17. Largest private corporation in the U.S. to offer spousal benefits to same-sex couples: Levi-Strauss
18. Number of candidates for statewide offices fielded by Pat Robertson's so-called Christian Coalition in 1992: 500
19. Number of those candidates who were elected: 200
20. City called the worst place in the country for gays to live: Jackson Mississippi

Sources: 1, 2: *Progressive* 3: San Francisco Aids Foundation 4, 5: *American Medical Association Encyclopedia* 6: *World Almanac* 7: People for the American Way 8, 9: San Francisco TB Control Center 10: Harlem Hospital 11: Dr. Deborah Carruth 12: SF AIDS Surveillance 13, 14: Gallup Agency 15: *Gaybook* 16: Human Rights Campaign Fund 17: *Advocate* 18, 19: *Progressive* 20: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force ▼

## Friday

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made a speech in Los Angeles last week blasting President Clinton's policies on abortion, AIDS, and gays in the military. Robertson, the homophobic religious broadcaster and founder of the ultra-conservative so-called Christian Coalition again renewed his well-known homophobia by screaming that "instead of compelling the military to lift its ban on homosexuals, let him [Clinton] take a stand against the ungodly lifestyle that destroys all its followers; and instead of spending billions on AIDS research, let Clinton demand that AIDS be treated as any communicable disease, not as a virus with civil rights."

To the surprise of many, Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Congresswomen Anna Eshoo and Lynn Woolsey have endorsed Assemblyman Sam Farr over Monterey County Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck in the April 13 Demo primary to replace former Congressman, now director of Clinton's Office of Management and Budget, Leon Panetta.

Washington insiders claim, despite his denials, that Gen-

eral Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will soon step down due to his open disagreement with the Clinton policy on gays in the military. Ironical that Powell, a black man who owes his own distinguished career to President Harry Truman's courageous 1948 executive order integrating the armed forces, is himself now promoting discrimination against another class of citizens. If he goes, good riddance; let the son-of-a-bitch step down and maybe he could talk Sam Nunn into resigning his Senate seat as well.

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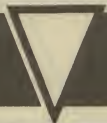
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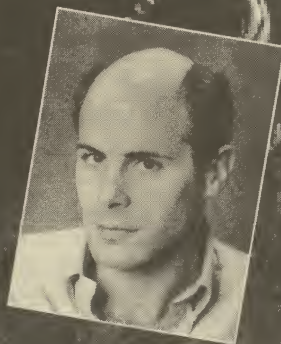
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## Spies in the House of Love

by Noreen C. Barnes and  
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**J**ohnny Love. The name evokes images of a '50s high school, of the coolest, cutest guy in class, a real dreamboat. Bartender John Metheny, dubbed "Johnny Love" by his adoring women patrons, opened his namesake bar last fall, and it quickly became the hottest singles spot in San Francisco. The ideal man of the '70s had open shirts and platform shoes. The '80s man sported suits and power ties. The '90s version of the single dream hunk must look like the popular romance novel mannequin Fabio. Right?

On Valentine's eve, we set out in pursuit of Johnny Love, his bar, and a look at the straight singles scene. Our incognito team of cultural investigators consists of a gay man and a bisexual woman. We figure we shouldn't be too out of place. After all, it's only desperate straight people instead of desperate gay people. Right?

★ ★ ★

Noreen: I can't decide what to wear to a straight bar. Something slit to the navel, perhaps. I vote for my red pumps and the little black sequined cocktail dress my ex gave me and I somehow managed not to cut up.

**The room is suddenly awash with women in furs (does Aretha know about this place?).**

Actually, it's the same thing I'd wear to a lesbian bar. My nails haven't been manicured in weeks and I won't get my tattoo until Tuesday, but I figure I'll get by with Clinique and lots of swimmers' mascara. Thank Goddess I'm having a good hair day.

We arrive at the corner of Broadway and Polk, pay the \$8 per person cover, and step into the heterosexual world. This was once Henry Africa's, the premier fern bar of America, but now there's not a fern in sight! Just pink drinks and chardonnay; masculine tones and dark woodwork. A large knot of patrons crowds the bar as a competent bar band pumps out rock 'n' soul and a few late dinner



Our own Noreen C. Barnes and Sando Counts go undercover in pursuit of Love.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

patrons linger over their meals.

Sando: We head to the "quiet" side of the large U-shaped bar to order a drink. Noreen gets her first pass from a seated man she bumps into. Space is at a premium, but we find a tiny spot along the wall that allows us to check out the action and take a closer look at the patrons.

Hardly anyone smokes. Men's dress is casual, in that GQ/Docker kind of way; hirsute pecs and gold chains have given way to sweaters. Single women's outfits might be described as near-drag — lots of flesh, short skirts, plunging necklines — while women with dates are a bit more covered and definitely more comfortable looking. The crowd is mostly, but not exclusively, irritatingly, white.

As I look more closely, I begin to wonder if there's a bisexual agenda. Two blond women slink by hand-in-hand. Lovers or sisters? On the dance floor, two women dance together, as do two men. Diversity and tolerance in action? I think I spot a drag queen with red hair, but it's a false alarm. If there is a mixed crowd, it's subtle.

I summon all my male bravado for the six-foot journey to the bar, which takes some doing. It's five bodies deep all the way around the 20-foot expanse of hardwood. Ordering requires that I lie prone across a seated woman's lap. She doesn't seem to mind. But even in this position, I can't get the bartender's attention. My seatmate stares down at me.

"You have to SHOUT!" she shouts.

"Shout?" I whimper. "If you want a drink, YOU HAVE TO SHOUT!"

I look down the bar, searching for Love. There must be nine or ten bartenders and bar backs, all nice looking men, but nobody drop-dead gorgeous. Where is Johnny Love? Maybe he isn't

working tonight.

A Kevin Bacon look-alike and his Andie McDowell-esque date push in beside me in a subtle but effective bar maneuver I call "the wedge." They start sucking face and Kevin's hands are on Andie's breasts, dangerously close to my own. Andie, tipsy, lurches and spills her drink on me. I decide it's a good time to in-

vestigate the women's room. Bar restrooms always have a story to tell.

I find a long line, two stalls, and no condom machine. A small gender war erupts when six women behind me in line decide to take over the men's room. Howls of protest from two offended men greet them, and after a

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## The Hateful 'Gay Agenda'

## Vile Video

by Sando Counts

**T**his weekend at the Roxie, the lunatic right wing gets its day. As a benefit for the San Francisco chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/SFBA), the Roxie features *The Gay Agenda*, a slick, 19-minute documentary-style video released by an anti-gay group spearheaded by Pat Robertson and the Christian Coalition. *The Gay Agenda* is the video incarnation of the coalition's "Holy War" against lesbians and gays.

Widely distributed to churches, political, and community groups in Oregon and Colorado, and more recently to senators, congressmen, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, *The Gay Agenda* is an effort to whip up ire against the gay rights movement. It contains



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Images like this one of Dykes on Bikes are used to portray lesbians and gays as sex-crazed deviants in *The Gay Agenda*.

footage from the SF Pride Parade, the AB101 protests in San Francisco and Sacramento, the AB2601 celebration in San Francisco, and an assortment of fundamentalist "experts" in the areas of reparative therapy, AIDS, and homosexual behavior.

## Coping Problem

I have a hard time coping with screen violence. And for

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by Robert Julian and Orland Outland

For all you grungies out there who can't or won't fork out \$3.95 for the *Advocate*, here's the scoop from their interview with Nirvana's **Kurt Cobain**. The gay-friendly Cobain reveals that he's at least a little bisexual, though most of his gay experiences took place in high school, where all the girls "had really awful haircuts and fucked-up attitudes. So I thought I would try to be gay for a while, but I'm just more sexually attracted to women." Cobain and fellow band member **Chris Novoselic** spray-painted "HOMOSEXUAL SEX RULES" on the side of a bank (and got arrested for it) back in 1985, making them perhaps the first Queer Nationals. No word in the interview about Chris' orientation, alas.

On the Joan Rivers show, **Janet Charlton**, gossip columnist for the *Star*, said that **Eddie Murphy** and his entourage paid a visit to Miami's Paragon club.

They picked up a handful of sluts to take home for entertainment, perhaps not (or perhaps) realizing that some of the "ladies" were drag queens. No word on what happened later or who in the entourage ended up with the boys in dresses, but Charlton came as close as a mainstream gossip columnist will come to saying that, in her opinion, they were brought along for Ed-die.

But according to an AP wire story, the censors at CBS got a little nervous about a *Kids in the Hall* skit last month — nervous enough to cancel it. The sketch, entitled "Celebrity" involved the out **Scott Thompson** playing a faux heterosexual soap opera idol who hires male prostitutes for fun and games. In the final scene, Thompson's character lies in an open casket. "I heard he died of cancer," says one mourner. "I heard he died of AIDS," says another. The dead Thompson hisses from the casket, "Can-



Scott Thompson — censored in his casket.

cer. It was cancer!" Cutting edge comedy about denial and guilt or simply poor taste? CBS decided on the latter.

Crappy Valentine's Day from the *Examiner*: They hired **Willie Brown's** ex-girlfriend, **Julian Guthrie** to interview prominent San Franciscans on romance for the Sunday yuppie-porn mag *Image*. Out of the 45 people interviewed, there was only one lesbian, one bisexual, and one gay man. What gay man did Guthrie, the editor of a magazine, called *California Kids*, pick to represent the typical SF queer? Professional toady and **Frank Jordan** apologist **Jack Davis**. We'd expect this from the *Chronicle*, but from the *Ex*?

It wasn't that long ago that we brought you news that **Herb Caen** had practically

outed **Raymond Burr** in his column. Now the *Globe* tells us about Burr's "Gay Hubby." According to the *Globe*, Burr and **Robert Benevides**, his lover of 30 years, call themselves "Mr. and Mr. Robert Benevides." What's life like on their Sonoma County estate? "Raymond loves to do the sort of womanly chores around the house like cooking and sewing, while Robert much prefers to do the outdoor work, the manual labor." The closeted elite render such an important service to the community, don't you think? If you need an answer for that rhetorical question, just look to that local paragon of marital virtue, **Harry deWilt**.

Speaking of couples, *Buzz* magazine, the self-proclaimed "Talk of Los Angeles" gets very queer with a pair of stories in their March issue. **Mark MacNamara** pens an excellent (but too short) story



Raymond Burr (above) and Herb Caen, drummer (below). Was OutThere the link between Caen, Burr, and The *Globe*? (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

was nearly arrested in New York during the shooting of the video for their instant classic. Some police officers "spied him wielding an over-size representation of the song's title." *Spin* also spills the beans on the Genitorturers, a band that got a ticket last year in Orlando, Florida for performing a "Mayan genital-piercing ritual" during their Lollapalooza appearance. Attention patent attorneys — does the Gauntlet know the Genitorturers have appropriated their stylized "G" as part of their own logo?

But if the NYPD was upset with John Hall's strap-on, wait 'til they get a look at the real thing next month. The first annual **sPuNk Sex Games** will be held March 10 at Cellblock 28, 28 Ninth Avenue, in NYC. *sPuNk* is a sex rag produced in SF and NYC for the heavy breather crowd. The contest will "test the sexual, physical, and exhibitionistic prowess of each contestant." The seven scheduled games include a Ball Tug of War (two men connected by a string around their testicles); Jump Rope and Jumping Jack contests (contestants must engage in the specified activity for four to five minutes while maintaining an erection); and that perennial favorite — the Biggest Cock competition (contestants pick their own fluffer from the audience). No, don't call us! Try **Sam Sanchez** of *sPuNk* at (415) 243-9726 for more information.

And now for the other good news. **Louise Hogarth**, lesbian co-producer of *The Panama Deception* (featured in the October 22 issue of the *B.A.R.*) must be jumping for joy right now. Her powerful film is nominated for an Oscar in the Best Feature Documentary category — as is gay filmmaker **Richard Schmiechen's** *Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker*. But wait — there's more — lesbian filmmaker **Wendy Weinberg** is also nominated for an Oscar for Best Short Documentary for *Beyond Imagining: Margaret Anderson and the Little Review*. There's a good chance Hogarth, Schmiechen, or Weinberg will join the ranks of other out Oscar winners who recently took home the gold for their documentaries: **Rob Epstein** (two Oscars) and **Debra Chasnoff**. No matter what the Academy decides, they're all winners with us.



Barbara Trent, on-camera journalist, with the crew from the Oscar nominated *The Panama Deception*

on the life of Santa Monica Boulevard hustlers and **Edmund White** provides an insipid, name-dropping interview with **Don Bachardy**, the widow **Isherwood**. White does inform the curious that **Isherwood** died of prostate cancer — which clarifies who was the top in the **Bachardy/Isherwood** household. Further clarification comes in the form of two revealing photos. One, taken in 1953, shows the 18-year-old **Bachardy** (who looks 12) with the 48-year-old **Christopher Isherwood**. The parallel 1992 photo places the 58-year-old **Bachardy** next to his hunky 32-year-old current lover, **Tim Hilton**, who has a "a radiant sensuality, a military buzz cut," and very large hands. *L'amour, l'amour*.

Apropos of nothing, the *Enquirer* reveals the title of **Boy George's** upcoming autobiography: *Take It Like a Man*. George, no doubt, need never fear prostate cancer.

But *Spin* reports that **John Hall** from *King Missile* (of "Detachable Penis" fame)

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# Homophobia and H.I.M.

by Jim Emerson

Anyone old enough to remember the International Male (I.M.) catalog back in the early 1970s through 1986 can testify that it's slowly been turning straight in recent years. Hanover Direct Inc., the publisher of I.M., wants to finish this conversion by fixing gay men up with another catalog. Perhaps you've seen H.I.M.?

While denying any homophobia, Cathy Murphy, Hanover's director of marketing, and Garrett Lopes, their merchandise buyer, still vigorously insist that they don't want any gay association with the International Male catalog. Although they certainly won't mind if gay men continue ordering clothing from I.M., they explain that they don't want to offend straight men or women buying clothing from I.M. by openly marketing to gays.

"International Male has a much broader appeal. The gay market is only so big [an estimated 12 million men]. We see an opportunity to do more niche marketing. We want to make a big deal of H.I.M. being for gays, but not International Male," Lopes says.

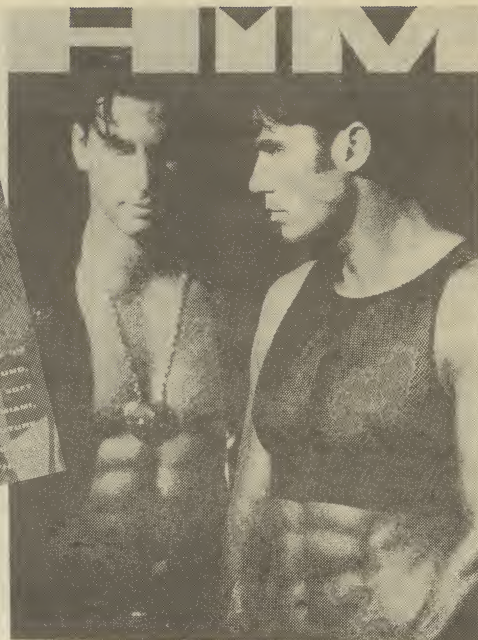
Murphy admits that International Male has become "more mainstream over the years" and that Hanover decided it didn't want I.M.



"overloaded" with products or styles identified with gays.

Indeed. Pre-1986 I.M. catalogs are a far cry from current ones. Those catalogs included not-too-subtle models cruising each other, and a perennial design layout favorite had a model's hand in one photo positioned like he

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— Garrett Lopes



Advertising aimed at queer pockets — buffed boys strut their stuff for other buffed boys (or buffed boy admirers) on the cover of the H.I.M. catalog.

was groping a juicy partner in an adjacent picture. Meaningful glances, bedroom eyes, models positioned closely and staring very directly at each other provided body language clues familiar to gay men, whether in photography or real life. Obviously, the gay body language was almost invisible to straights.

The homoerotic design layouts began to disappear after Hanover acquired the catalog in 1986 from Gene Burkhardt.

He founded International Male in 1974, running the business from his apartment in Southern California. Under Hanover, International Male has amassed a customer list of 525,000. About 30 percent are gay, but Murphy says the company "doesn't know which 30 percent."

## Safety Valve

"We're using H.I.M. as a safety valve," Lopes states, "to put in items that are fringe to Middle America, all the rain-

bow colors and freedom rings. And we have some pretty outrageous clothing like leather vests and harnesses."

Through the privacy of mailboxes, Hanover Direct Inc. targets its catalogs based on many demographic variables, including sexual orientation. It rents magazine subscription lists and other kinds of lists that identify gays. Only a handful of the 25,000 lists and databases available for rental specifically identify gays. (The primary source of gay lists is Strub Media Group Inc., a gay database management and brokerage firm based in New York City.)

From a practical business standpoint, Hanover, a subsidiary of Horn and Hardart Inc., hopes to shift gay International Male customers to its new H.I.M. catalog. However, because Hanover, which publishes numerous clothing and housewares catalogs, doesn't want its name associated with gays, it's founded a new division, a new corporate name, Brawn of California, to ostensibly take over publishing/distribution duties.

And how does Hanover explain its decision to use Brawn to mail openly gay H.I.M. catalogs? "Don't mention the connection with International Male and Undergear. We want to H.I.M. to be separate," says Murphy.

This story may, in a sense, be America's first corporate outing. Now you know the secret, but it's not all that diabolical — or surprising. Even companies eager to market products to gays are swayed by homophobia. Businesses make decisions based on what they believe best for business. ▼



## The Little Tramp!

Actually it's Beryl Reid in Chaplin drag with Susannah York from *The Killing of Sister George*. These bar-hopping lesbians are featured in Danny Mangin's clip and commentary show, *Bottoms-Up: Bar-Hopping Queens of the Silver Screen*, this Saturday night at the Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission Street. Admission is \$4 and doors open at 7:00 p.m. for this 7:30 event.

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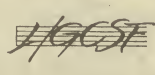


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'Beach Blanket Babylon' Still Delivers the Goods

# That's Entertainment

by Chad Jones

**B**each Blanket Babylon, Steve Silver's vivacious musical revue, is nothing short of a phenomenon. How many 18-year-old shows are still selling out and delivering the goods night after night? If anything, the show has gotten better with age, though some of the older, less timely shtick creaks a bit.

The show's creative team, therefore, makes changes from time to time to keep things fresh. The last significant changes were made in January, and after a recent trip back to the *Beach*, I am pleased to report the sun is still shining brightly on this welcome oasis of camp and cabaret.

It is a mark of true professionalism that *Beach Blanket Babylon's* multitalented cast of ten is able to sing, dance, and gag it up eight times a week with such affable charm. The pace of the show is breakneck, the choreography demanding, and the vocal workout daunting. Yet their show-biz grins shine through it all.

They are a polished group, but the star of the show — and we pause here for extreme reverence — is Val Diamond. In the spirit of the show, let's call her a gem.

## Heart and Soul

After 15 years of blowing the roof off the Club Fugazi Val Diamond is only sending it higher and farther these days. When the parade of zany sight gags and goofball hats slows down long enough for Diamond to sing, the heart and soul of *Beach Blanket* emerges. Diamond transfixes every member of her audience with the mesmerizing power of her label-defying voice: it's part soul, part blues, a little Broadway with a touch of country twang and a hint of rock 'n' roll growl.

She may yuck it up, wearing a trashy French whore costume with a street lamp sticking out of her head, but when Diamond grabs the stage to sing "Don't Make Me Over" or "Try a Little Tenderness," chances are no one in the audience is going to remember what oddball thing happens in the show for a good five minutes thereafter.

With a powerhouse like Val Diamond at its center, it's surprising to find that *Beach Blanket* is still an ensemble show. Linda Bulgo, another long-timer (eight years with time off to raise her son) is Snow White, the protagonist of the now-you-see-it-now-you-don't plot line. Bulgo's Snow White chirps and twitters dimwittedly, a perfect comedic send-up of Disney's



Linda Bulgo (left) with local legend, Val Diamond

(Photo: David Allen)

fair maiden. Her two big moments are surprisingly non-Snow White-ish. She lets loose and joins Renee Lubin

and bulging his eyes at every opportunity. He's so over the top you wonder if maybe he wandered onto the stage from a production of *Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?* Mazlow's best moment comes when, dressed as a samurai warrior, he becomes Miss Diana Ross, all attitude and falsetto singing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."

Adkins has some funny moments as Sylvester Stallone (during which he holds his own with Diamond for a duet of "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'"), a French poodle, and the Church Lady (an excellent imitation of Dana Carvey, but one of the bits in need of an update). But his real star turn comes when he dons an enormous, black pompadour wig, skintight white jump suit (with cape, of course) and becomes Elvis. Elvis hasn't been this dizzy on stage since his final concerts in 1977, and he has never been this skinny.

Lubin and Arthur Herve get political as Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill. The result is a *Beach Blanket* reworking of current events with a rousing "Devil With a Blue Dress" by Clarence countered by a scorching "Respect" by Anita. Other hot topics skewered in the show are the Long Island Lolita scandal, Woody Allen's familial turmoil, and Bill and Hillary's ascension to the White House. Some not-so-hot topics still in the show include Murphy Brown and the Dan Quayle blunder, the Donald and Ivana Trump, Prince (circa "Purple Rain") and Sonny and Cher.

By the time the trademark hats are rolled out for the finale, no one in the theatre is liable to be complaining that the second half of the show drags and has a few clinkers too many. No one will be complaining that the feeble excuse for a plot is entirely forgotten by the end, and no one will deny that basking in the glorious excess of *Beach Blanket Babylon* is a jubilant celebration of good, old-fashioned entertainment purely for the sake of entertainment.

**Beach Blanket Babylon**  
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**After 18 years of blowing the roof off the Club Fugazi, Val Diamond is only sending it higher and farther these days.**

(as Tina Turner) for a scorching "Proud Mary" duet, and goes solo for the hilarious "Snow White Rap."

## Over the Top

The male principals, Kenny Mazlow and Clay Adkins, get their licks in, too. As the pink bewigged King Louis XIV, Mazlow is the epitome of camp, hissing his sibilants

## Cabaret

# Barbra-ella

by Roberto Friedman

**J**im Bailey is back at the Plush Room, performing his masterful incarnations of Peggy Lee, Barbra Streisand, and Judy Garland, each on separate evenings. His Peggy Lee show "Fever" is new this season, but I chose to attend one of the Streisand shows for my first immersion into Bailey's magic. What with her star turn at the inauguration and her principled stand on gay rights, Barbra is hot just now. On a clear day you can see Colorado, and the Funny girl is on the side of the angels.

Bailey appears as the Streisand of 1993, although his play list includes such standards from her early repertoire as "People" and

"Somewhere." But even these chestnuts are enlivened by recent events. When Bailey sings "There's a place for us ...," it sounds like a gay anthem. And when he did "Evergreen," I couldn't help remembering Bill and Hill at their gala, spellbound in rapture, the presidential tear ducts welling up with pathos.

If he doesn't quite have the Streisand pipes, Bailey is a powerhouse singer nonetheless, and he sure has her phrasing and inflection down. His patter between numbers is a perpetual motion machine of mannerisms, Barbra's unique blend of self-effacement, and shameless shtick. He only did one inauguration joke, involving the tea she demurely sipped on stage, but it was enough.

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# Glam on a Budget

by Orland Outland

There's just no way to do a satirical stage version of a movie like *Valley of the Dolls*. The original is such a hoot that the only successful way to remake it is to play it straight. In watching the movie, when Neely O'Hara brings Tony Polar out of his coma with a song, it's possible to believe that somebody (if only Jackie Susann) believed in the miraculous powers of lounge music. When Neely goes mad in her hospital bed, screaming for a pill, you remember that 25 years ago, people thought this was exactly how people on drugs behaved.

And the cast of this production does play it straight. *Dolls* is not a play as much as it is a live version of the movie. The cast members aren't interpreting characters, they're duplicating performances. Connie Champagne isn't playing Neely O'Hara; she's playing Patty Duke as

haven't seen *Valley of the Dolls*, which is not available on video (it is on laserdisc).

## Champagne Bubbles

Connie Champagne is the star of the show, recreating one of the worst performances ever filmed. Of all the cast, she's the only one who can go as far over the top as she wants, because no matter how far she goes, she still can't match the dementia of Patty Duke's uproariously wretched performance. Champagne is Patty, even getting her beads hooked on her breasts during her telethon appearance. And since she's a real singer, Champagne is a pleasure to hear. Unlike her fellow cast members, her musical numbers stand out as real entertainment and not just camp.

Miss X is what a Great Lady of the Stage is supposed to be: a major bitch. Miss X herself is as much an official landmark as any Broadway battle-axe; her hard-as-nails, seasoned-veteran performance is probably no act. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Flynn plays Anne Wells, a typical '60s "good girl." It's no mean feat for a drag queen to play a woman instead of a sequined caricature, but he pulls it off well. His deadpan Anne ends up having some of the funniest lines of the evening, thanks to Flynn's innocent delivery.

Jade is, well, just like Sharon Tate. How can you evaluate somebody's talent when their job is to play a no-talent?

Most notable in the supporting cast: Timmy Spence looks and sounds so much like Dex Dexter from *Dynasty* that I expected him to say, "Dammit, Alexis!" at any moment. Deena Davenport has a Judy Holliday quality and interesting stage presence; if they ever do a stage version of *The Temp*, she'd be perfect for the lead. And Arturo Galster is a dead-on duplicate of Lee Grant, right down to the permanently narrowed eyes and perpetual

sometimes partly obscured by mike shadow from the one spot. And the intimacy of the room only made the lackluster piano accompaniment seem the more inadequate for Bailey's soulful vocalizations.

A friend who recently returned from filming a documentary on the Colorado boycott said some people there believe Barbra started the whole thing! That's not true, of course, but she has certainly been outspoken, articulating the reasons for the boycott better than anyone when she said that if the state had rescinded civil rights for women, blacks, or Jews, no one would question the action. I let Jim Bailey be my medium for communing with La Streisand and applauding her courage. His ability to invoke her spirit and songmaking is strong magic indeed.

**Jim Bailey**  
Plush Room, through Feb. 27  
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Miss X as the evil Helen Lawson in *Dolls*.

(Photo: Daniel Nicoletta)

cigarette. He is the only performer in the show whose work truly transcends caricature; Galster is actually acting, and acting well.

## Secondhand Rose

Sets and costumes for the production are straight from the thrift store, but in this case the minimalist production values work. The play also features tawdry film clips, re-creations of scenes

***Dolls* is good fun; the only real problem is its length.**

from the movie, with the exception of the clip where Neely takes her first doll — it really sets her toes-a-tappin' in this new version. Some of the clips are pointless; why show a clip of Neely making a movie and then show the same scene again onstage? They seem to be there only

so that the production can be impressively titled a "multi-media" event.

I am told that in-jokes for the "in" crowd abound in this performance. The regular Klubstutute crowd would think that Diet Popstutute as Jerry Lewis is funny because he's a frequent emcee at Klubstutute shows. Whatever the other jokes are, they have been subtly layered into the production. The Jerry Lewis impersonation is funny for everyone because it's so accurate. And the production actually started at the stated curtain time, which never happens at officially groovy events, especially those involving drag queens.

*Dolls* is good fun; the only real problem is its length. At almost 2-1/2 hours, the joke starts to wear thin and some cuts are needed. Director Phillip R. Ford has orchestrated a successful parody, but in his somewhat overzealous recreation of the original, he pushes the attention span of the audience dangerously close to the breaking point. Again, Jackie Susann is not Chekhov — you're allowed to make changes. Miss X's second number, "Two-Faced Woman," wasn't even part of the movie, but it's a better song than her first, "I'll Plant My Own Tree," which nobody would have missed had it been cut. But then, who would dare risk the ire of Helen Lawson by cutting one of her numbers? ▼

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Jade, Tate-ish in *Dolls*

Neely O'Hara; Miss X is Susan Hayward as Helen Lawson; and so on. Jackie Susann isn't Chekhov; it's not as if they've missed an opportunity to explore richly interesting characters. Taking this production on its own terms, it's a success. The play is actually a public service to those who



Jim "Peggy Lee" Bailey

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As you'd expect at the Plush Room, the decor and ambience were just so. A second spotlight would have helped, as Bailey's face was

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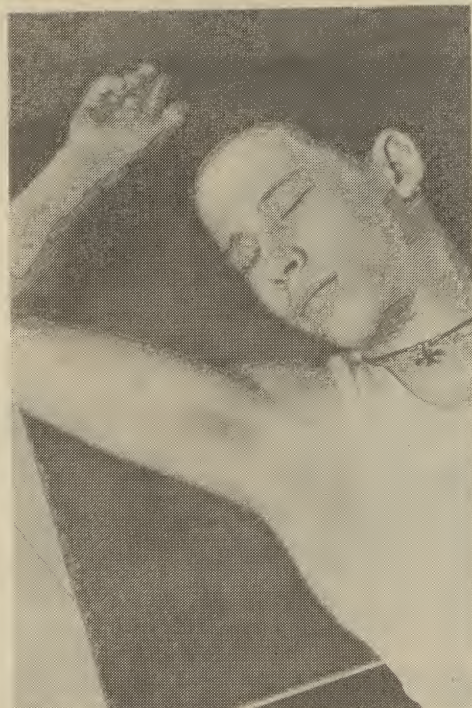
# Teenage Wasteland

by Roberto Friedman

Larry Clark is a man obsessed. The object of his obsession happens to be teenage boys, but it's not what you think. His stunning black-and-white photographs of teenage toughs in various states of undress are unarguably homoerotic to the likes of me, but Clark is no disciple of the Bruce Weber school of post-card-pretty fantasy. His show at Fraenkel Gallery, the first exhibition of his work in San Francisco in 15 years, makes that much clear.

Clark is well-known for his *Tulsa* and *Teenage Lust* series, photographs which offer unflinching looks at teen junkies, whores, pimps, and assorted renegade youth. The artist was no mere voyeur; he moved in this world, called the runaways and dead-end kids his friends.

In the '60s, when he started, no one in the art world was making photos of overdoses and gunshot wounds. By now Clark has become a cult hero, kingpin for an aesthetic which has had considerable influence on the best contemporary art, notably Nan Goldin's *The Ballad of Sexual Dependency*, a Clarkesque photographic study of her own subculture. Larry Clark first started document-



An untitled 1991 Larry Clark portrait.

(Photo: Courtesy Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco)

ing this world, showing a true America.

After a decade-long silence, Clark is once again riding a wild skateboard of artistic production and exposure. His *Larry Clark 1992* is a limited edition art book of 358 photos, all of five teenage boys.

No words, just pictures, a series of repetitive variations on a simple theme, the sullen beauty of these boys. The second half of the book is every shot Clark took of one kid over one day, ten rolls of film in all. This is photography as addictive behavior, a surren-

der in the name of art to the roots of obsession.

## Beyond Titillation

A grid of 75 pictures from this new series is the highlight of the Fraenkel show. In the only way Clark would let these 24" by 20" prints be shown, we read the images, left to right, in five rows of 15. Now, it's important for me as a critic to lead my readers gently past the outsize sexual beauty arrayed on this wall. If I were as crass as, say, Joe Bob Briggs, I'd rate this show 400 pecs, a dozen or so cocks, one golden shower, and countless vicarious thrills. But

This is photography as addictive behavior, a surrender in the name of art to the roots of obsession.

there's more going on here than mere titillation.

Clark is obsessed with teenage suicide, equally fascinated by a rash of kids who kill their parents. So he staged these boys with guns in their mouths, nooses around their necks, wrists slit open by razors. He would love to go further, to photograph kids who die of autoerotic strangulation, cutting off oxygen to the brain for

that extra-intense orgasm. These suicide-prop photos are as close as he can come. The effect is artificial but no less disturbing. Kids, don't try this at home.

The exhibition also includes a laser disc video of a teenage boy on the *Today* show, the same 15 seconds running over and over again in true obsessive-compulsive style (1990); ten vintage photos from *Tulsa* (1968-71); a series of photos in which a *Prostitute Gives Teenager His First Blowjob* (1974); and eight customized *Skateboards* (1992), each with a beaver shot silkscreened on the bottom. ("What a great way to tantalize straight beef," said a friend.) At the opening some *Thrasher* dudes attempted to pick a board up and were scolded by the gallery staff. At \$3,500 per board, I was not surprised.

Larry Clark gave an SRO lecture at SF Camerawork a few days before his opening, during which he described recently returning to *Tulsa* for the first time since the '70s. He found that most of the kids from his landmark series are dead. I don't believe even Clark can romanticize self-destruction anymore. There's a lot of macho bluster in his stance and a refreshing disdain for conventional wisdom, but he's not stupid. When an early death is tragically commonplace, toothsome teenagers committing suicide by drugs or glorified violence seems the ultimate self-indulgence. ▼

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## Books

# Space Trash Oddity

Backstage Passes: Life on the Wild Side With David Bowie  
by Angela Bowie with Patrick Carr; Putnam, \$22.95

by Jeffery Kennedy

Did David Bowie and Mick Jagger sleep together? Furthermore, did they fuck? What are the dimensions of David Bowie's cock? Whatever happened to Zowie Bowie? These questions and others are almost answered in *Backstage Passes*, the chatty tell-all penned by David Bowie's ex-wife Angela.

Almost. Angela is vague. Partially to avoid lawsuits, one presumes, and partially because she was stoned out of her mind during most of the time period covered by this book (approximately 1970-78). Bowiephiles enchanted by the glittery boy/girl spell flame-haired David cast beginning with 1973's *Space Oddity*, looking for hard facts should look elsewhere. Trashmonsters particularly fascinated with scandalous lifestyles of the rich and famous will find plenty of tasty morsels.

As the title suggests, this book has a lot of sex, including homo sex. A few pages in, Angela blows a lot of hot air about she and David being radical gender benders during the early '70s, even suggesting that their existence is an integral chapter in the history of the modern struggle for sexual liberation (never mind Stonewall). Certainly, David caused a huge scandal when

he told British music paper *Melody Maker* in 1972 that he was gay. He wore a dress for the cover shot of his debut album (a photograph rejected by his U.S. record label). And there's no doubt that he brought theatrical androgyny to a huge audience in a way no one had done before. The rock concert would never be the same.

But was David gay? No, according to Angela. The *Melody Maker* statement was a lie meant to shock (ever feel exploited?). David dabbled in a little boyplay — she relates a few episodes — but was predominantly heterosexual. Any dabbling, she suggests, was probably either drug-induced or a power game.

Same goes for Angela's lesbian flings. She describes herself as bisexual early in the book, waves a banner for sex-



ual justice, and flaunts her female lovers like transgressive badges. Yet only one lesbian affair — her first, at boarding school — is treated with any seriousness. Overall, seriousness is reserved for her affairs with men. Her numerous muddling escapades — female groupies are very accommodating — are covered only briefly and usually coupled with intoxicants or competition.

## Wanting It Both Ways

It's confusing. Angela proclaims she likes homos, likes the threat homos pose to the status quo, moves comfortably in homo underground circles, exploits homo notoriety, but keeps one foot firmly in the other, hetero camp. This book is dictated from a heterosexual point of view. Throughout the narrative, Angela spits "faggot" and "queen" in a disdainful tone.

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# Vigorous Manifesto

At Your Own Risk: A Saint's Testament  
by Derek Jarman; Overlook Press, \$19.95

by Daniel Mangin

**T**here is no sexual liberation unless it's personal," proposes artist/activist Derek Jarman in *At Your Own Risk*, a vigorous manifesto bubbling with sexual reminiscences, philosophizing, political diatribes, and observations about society, history, and the arts. Off-hand and provocative, the book is an eclectic survey of male homosexual reality in Britain this past half-century.

Growing up in the repressive 1940s and 1950s was an exercise in horror for Jarman and his gay compatriots. Caught coupling with a pal at age nine, he was "thrown onto the floor by the headmaster's wife, lectured publicly and whipped." Frightened by this unexpected outburst I was to have no physical contact for 13 years."

Jarman's misfortune was partly being found out, but acknowledging his desires would likely have terrified him regardless, so pervasively negative were the messages about them throughout his culture. He responded by building "defenses against the world ... that will remain with me for life."

At an early age he experienced the hypocrisy and tyranny of "Heterosoc" (as he calls the straight world), which always stacks the deck in its favor, leading to paradoxes such as this: "The rowdiest heterosexual boys were able to have ... homosexual encounters, whereas the queer boys were frightened because it was the center of our sexuality."

## Children's Desires

Jarman confronts child sexuality, defending the right of the young to act upon their desires. Flashing forward to the present, with AIDS a factor, he analyzes the costs of denying teen sexuality. A 16-year-old admits "having sex at 12. ... I was seducing people in my school by the time I was 13." This, Jarman writes, is "a scenario for disaster! As a 12-year-old you become HIV+, and then you fuck the whole school! The only solution is discussion rather than censure."

Jarman's emphasis on the personal, coupled with his fury over state interference in matters sexual, occasionally results in the presentation of opinion as self-evident fact and the universalizing of his

**Caught coupling with a pal at age nine, Jarman was "thrown onto the floor, ... lectured publicly and whipped."**

reality. "I was aware of my sexuality at nine, which makes nonsense of an age of consent of 21 and the ideas of conversion, perversion, and corruption of youth," he argues.

The ludicrously high age of consent in Britain notwithstanding, awareness of sexuality doesn't necessarily immunize a child against "corruption" (though what this might entail is assuredly subject to debate). Because kids may have desires and the "right" to fulfill them does not mean that children cannot be abused, or that parents do not have a stake in the sexual education and activities of their offspring—even if the youths' wishes remain paramount. One appreciates Jarman's forthrightness and the freshness of his perspective, but his comments disregard the complexity of the issues involved here.

## No Business

Some gay readers may find his take on adult sexuality more problematic. Jarman's case is simple: the state has no business regulating it—under any circumstances. An oft-recurring locale in *At Your Own Risk* is the Heath, a cruisy area of London. After describing a young boy he meets one night who has been giving multiple blowjobs, he asks:

"Why can those who aren't here not believe that we who are can make responsible decisions about our sexuality? Even if he was throwing his life away, which is doubtful, it was a decision which he had made, no worse than going to war and dying for a belief."

He also asserts, "Understand that if you or I decide to have sex, whether safe, safer or unsafe, it is our decision and other people have no rights in our lovemaking." This is a defiant, philosophically defensible (and essentially libertarian) position, though

Jarman's logic isn't always airtight. Just because the state has been too intrusive about sex in the past, for instance, it doesn't necessarily follow that government has no interest in the consequences of its citizens' actions.

By the 1960s, Jarman is finally having sex, finally enjoying himself. Nationally, the picture is mixed. The Wolfenden Report has made gay sexuality a topic for open debate, but homosexual acts remain criminal until late in the decade. Witch hunts, aversion therapy (a Pavlovian-inspired "cure" for homosexu-

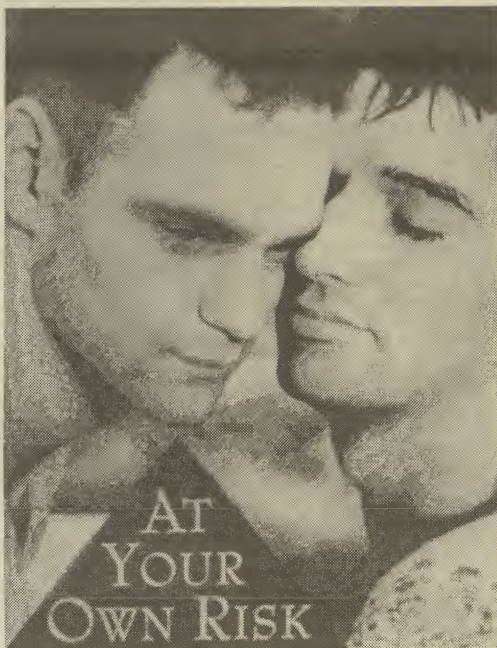
ality), and bar raids are among the interference gay people endure.

"It's no wonder that a generation in reaction should generate an orgy, it came as an antidote to repression," Jarman writes of the '70s. Activist lesbians and gays reshaped their relationship to their culture's dialogue about them: "The news was being made by us, not about us." (Sometimes, at least.)

The hysteria and misinformation that characterized the response to AIDS was a jolt to the movement in the '80s. Ironically, the disease encouraged discourse about previously unmentionable sexual realities. A backlash occurred, though, fueled by "a thousand years of Christian malpractice," for which Jarman blames "The slow witted approach to the HIV epidemic." He recounts a chilling tale about a born-again doctor who took it upon himself to scare teens out of their homosexuality by falsely telling them they had tested positive for HIV.

Asked in an interview if his declaration of his HIV status was a political act, Jarman said, "Yes ... but it was politics in the first person. All the information I was receiving then counteracted the way I felt." That same sentiment motivates this book, which at its best acclaims gay sexuality and homosexuals' capacity for survival in the face of a dismissive, judgmental majority:

"What was so exciting was meeting new people with new ideas while Heterosoc felt that all we were doing was putting cocks in each other's mouths. Before those cocks got into our mouths, we were exchanging ideas." ▼



## Oddity

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She wants it both ways — approval from both homos and heteros alike — and the resulting muddle makes her look stupid.

Angela's waffling is epitomized by the photo of her on the back of the book jacket. She's flat-chested, yet she's wearing a plunging neckline and thrusting her chest forward, a supposedly liberated woman playing one of the oldest gender games. Or maybe she's merely asserting her sexuality. Politically, Angela's ambiguity is more annoying than interesting. That's too bad, because Angela is an impressive character: acute in business, integral to David's early success, cre-

ative, a masculine woman working hard in the rock music realm where women are expected to kneel. One purpose of this book is to give Angela credit where credit is due. Okay.

There's lots of semi-titillating gossip about baby boomer rock gods, although Angela's already questionable credibility is seriously damaged when she refers to Andy Warhol as a shoe designer. Try shoe *illustrator*. She has a gift for funny sexual metaphors, and the photo of her dressed up as Wonder Woman for an audition for the TV show earns a giggle. So do Angela's cockamamie conspiracy theories and experiences with the supernatural, ranging from UFOs to possessed swimming pools.

*Backstage Passes* is mildly entertaining trash. ▼



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## Dance

Men Dancers and SFB's Program Three

# Boys in the Buff

by Eric Hellman

They came and they went last weekend: those fabulous, talented boys in the Men Dancers ensemble, a group of artists currently traveling the U.S. and Europe, presenting a special program that honors modern dance pioneer Ted Shawn. Last Friday night, their audience whooped with pleasure, applauding the art, both kinetic and fleshly.

But what should have been sexy and thrilling became tedious and overwrought, because no one — especially artistic director Robby Barnett — had a handle on the bigger picture. Homage was confused with bathos, history with the antique, and contemporary dance with that which is merely trendy.

### Passion Play

The Men Dancers, all nine of them, covering the full range of ethnic and racial options, were terrific. They danced with passion, precision, and infectious optimism. Their program of repertory (and its staging) was, however, in desperate need of some judicious editing and a lot less talking.

Specifically, the opening *Ode* (a performance piece of sorts, created by Ann Carlson), the excerpt from Jose Limon's *The Unsung* (a tribute to Native Americans), Rick Darnell's *Brides of*

*Frankenstein*, and the reconstruction of Ted Shawn's 1935 *Kinetic Molpai* all needed some big cuts, as each choreographer repeats himself (or herself) *ad nauseam*.

Shawn's dance, in particular, is a vigorous, athletic interweaving of the different regiments of dancers. But it was made in a period with a fundamentally different, and slower, conception of time than our own. Often, it was easy to anticipate the choreographer's next set of movements before they happened onstage, rendering the intended dynamism flat and predictable.

Darnell's *Brides* is a mish-mash of throw-away pedestrian movement. The dance is sometimes very funny and unquestionably too long. But it does pose an interesting ethical, and personal safety, issue.

Dressed in faux tutus with only bare butts and exposed genitals beneath, the dancers execute rigorous, tricky combinations, including full frontal splats to the floor. It begs one to wonder whether the choreographer has any concern with the potential for injury to his dancers. Or perhaps this is part of the "gender deconstruction" he proposes in the program note.

Men Dancers is also supposed to be a tribute to Shawn, a dancer and choreographer who founded the nation's first all-male ensemble



Muriel Maffre and Yuri Zhukov in *Agon*

(Photo: Marty Sohl)

**Ocellus unfolds like a human lava lamp.**

in 1930. Ted Shawn and His Men Dancers toured the U.S. and Europe throughout the 1930s, promoting both new enthusiasm and respect for men who dance.

But the current Men Dancers does little to explain who Ted Shawn was. Except for a five-minute solo in the

first act (a spinning trance-dance called *The Melevi Dervish* that Shawn made in 1929), we were required to wait until the very end of the evening for Shawn's *Kinetic Molpai*.

This finale was preceded by two extended segments where a solo dancer turns and faces a grainy, black-and-white film of the original Men Dancers projected against a backdrop. The dancer lifts one arm and gestures toward the screen images, paying tribute (we assume), not once, but three times during each segment, to Shawn's lost art. Each interlude offered new insight into the meaning of theatrical bathos.

### The Good Stuff

What worked? The duo excerpt from Stephen Petronio's *Surrender II* (1989) was a bold, compelling example of tough, complex new art. Set to a loud, grunge-rock score by David Linton and danced courageously by Anthony Phillips and Gordon F. White, this love duet for the '90s was deliciously nasty and honest.

*Ocellus*, a lyrical, organic body-sculpture piece, composed by a group of collaborators from the company Pilobolus, was the evening's best example of soft-core porn (the eight dancers wore nothing but flesh-colored dance belts. *Ocellus* is sexy and unfolds, as my companion remarked, like a human version of your average lava lamp. The dance is warm, seamless, liquid and, due to the lack of choreographic development, lasts much too long.

Men Dancers, according to previously published reports, is scheduled to disband after this year's schedule of touring. That will be a shame. A tighter, more artistically-demanding program would allow these excellent dancers to truly soar.

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This week also included the first night of San Francisco Ballet's Program Three, an evening of all-Balanchine choreography. The dancing on Wednesday (Feb. 17) was

all-around superb, and the unrelentingly difficult (and often witty) choreography showcases the notable strengths of our local company.

### Big News

But the big news was the audience, especially the standees, who finally seem to understand Balanchine's genius. There was attentive silence, occasional gasps of awe, and final, cheering applause for the astringent Balanchine-Stravinsky collaboration in *Agon*. This is one of the seminal pieces of art in 20th-century dance and anyone who professes concern with the modernist revolution should see this ballet.

Besides *Agon*, the most potent smaller delight included with this program was the local debut of Elizabeth Loscavio and Mikko Nissinen in Balanchine's *Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux*. Danced to music originally intended for inclusion with the score for *Swan Lake* (but lost for many years), Loscavio and Nissinen projected a new inner radiance in their performing. The ballerina danced with dramatic flourish and her partner, badly injured two years ago, has regained both confidence and obvious pleasure in his art.

Program Three also includes Balanchine's somewhat annoying, or self-conscious, *Duo Concertant*, a ballet where two dancers (Wendy Van Dyck and Anthony Ranzazzo) spend a lot of time standing around listening to the pianist and violinist play Stravinsky's music.

The program concludes with *Who Cares?*, a surprisingly delightful series of dances set to tunes by George Gershwin. This piece mixes ballet with ballroom and jazz, illustrating Balanchine's remarkable sensitivity to music and nuanced gesture. The four featured principals, Sabina Allemann, Shannon Lilly, Katita Waldo and Ashley Wheeler, are just about as dreamy a cast imaginable. ▼

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## To Your Health

### Rain Gain Go Away

by Dianne Aaronson

**Y**es, it's raining, and it has been for months, but at least we're finally officially out of the drought. Areas which were once brown patches of dirt have become lush and green, and every street in the city now looks like a miniature tropical rain forest. I'd hazard a guess, though, that this rain has helped more than just green things to grow — things like fat.

Bad weather has kept many of us indoors when we might have been out running about. Particularly for those individuals whose main sources of exercise require the great outdoors (runners, bicyclists, hikers), these last few months have probably resulted in a slow increase of girth.

The reasons for this are many. The obvious one is the decrease in daily exercise. Though it is possible to compensate with indoor activities, for some people it's just not the same. Therefore, an attempt to duplicate the exercise indoors may result in less intensity or duration.

A decrease in exercise results in a decrease in actual calories burned. How this translates into everyday life is that the occasional rich dessert you used to be able to get away with is no longer being burned up.

#### Couch Taters

Also, inclement weather, which potentially keeps us home more often, can also lead to restlessness or boredom. In other words, instead of playing softball, we watch a game on TV (not many calories burned there). In addition, rather than slugging down a protein drink after a burn-out exercise session, we're noshing on party snacks and other high-fat, empty-calorie (i.e., no nutritional value) TV foods.

One advantage of an active lifestyle is that not only are we burning more calories and can therefore eat more, but our bodies also tend to demand more vitamin-rich foods because we need them. When sedentary, our taste in foods often switches to sweeter items (we're missing the endorphin high exercise would ordinarily supply) and richer foods, which tend to slow us down. At times the effect is almost narcotic. (Bored? Eat fat. It's guaranteed you'll fall asleep earlier. That'll take care of those extra hours you're trying to fill.)

Additionally, a sedentary existence leads to a lower BMR (basic metabolic rate) because we no longer require as many calories — nature's way of conserving energy. In other words, a sedentary person will burn less calories sitting and reading a newspaper than an active individual performing exactly the same task!

If these words have struck a chord and you believe you



**A decrease in exercise results in a decrease in actual calories burned.**

may have gained some fat or are feeling sluggish, remember that 3,500 calories equal one pound of fat. To shed some pounds or avoid gaining them, figure that 500 calories less food per day will take off one unwanted pound per week. This caloric deficit can also be accomplished by expending 500 calories per day (i.e., stationary bike for 30-60 minutes per day).

Please note that more than two pounds of body weight

loss per week is not advised. If you are not already on an exercise program which includes a cardiovascular segment, do not attempt anything of this duration initially. Begin with ten to 20 minutes, depending on your fitness level and increase the time gradually.

Also, there is a law of diminishing returns. In other words, two half-hour sessions spread out during the day are worth more in caloric expenditure than a single one-hour session.

#### Food Facts

I have written extensively on various food groups and calorie equivalents in this column, but here is a brief reminder of some basic food facts: one gram of fat equals nine calories; one protein or carbohydrate gram equals only four calories. Therefore, cutting out fat grams is the

## Basketball

### CVP Out of Playoff Picture

by Joe Nelson

The Castro Village Pharmacy gay men's basketball team took it on the chin with a 79-68 loss to Ground and Air Attack (GAA), falling to 1-5 on the season — and out of the playoff picture.

Despite a recurring injury, team captain Daryle Morgan played for the first time this year and contributed six points to the CVP effort. Endy Industrious had his best game so far this season with 19 points, followed by Marky Mark Johnson with 13, Bryan Leigh with 12, and Jake McDonald with 11. Mike Ambrosano had five points and five rebounds. Mark Satre led the team in rebounds with six.

The CVP was only down by five at the half, 40-35, but the final outcome was largely a result of the GAA's leading scorer's five three-pointers in the second half (coupled with two in the first). In contrast, the CVPers had three three-pointers the entire game.

Friday night's (February 26) contest features the Pharmacy against the SF Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. at the 100 Collingwood gym. For the first time this season, most of the CVPers will be in attendance, including veteran Mike Mazgai. In addition, the Bay Area Raw Raws and the Freedom Day Band are expected to perform at half time. ▼

fastest and surest way to reduce caloric intake. A little bit of fat is desirable, however, as it leaves one feeling more satisfied after a meal.

Eat five or six small meals during the day rather than three large ones, and leave yourself three to five hours between your last meal and bed time to ensure that you've time to burn the calories. Otherwise, these calories will be stored as fat.

In addition, reduce your complex carbohydrate intake (pasta, rice, bread, beans) if you've been less active lately. These are your primary energy source foods. It stands to reason that if you are expending less energy, you should "eat" less energy. Pay attention to how you're feeling

each day. If you're feeling too dragged out, you've reduced your calories more than you should. As the world begins to dry up a little bit and outdoor activities become a possibility, use these same rules to increase your food intake once again. ▼

*Author's Note: For more information on nutrition and weight management, Krispin Sullivan, C.N., a nutritionist with 25 years' experience, will be leading a seminar on Sunday, March 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Purely Physical Fitness, 1414 Castro at 24th. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$8 for Arcadia Bodybuilding Society members. Call Mark at 550-1200 for more information.*

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# Bernard Turner 1948-1993

by Rick Thoman

**B**ernard Turner, well-known leader in the gay athletic community, lost a long struggle against AIDS on February 16, 1993. Plans for a memorial service are pending.

Turner had an extensive and impressive history in Bay Area gay sports. He was founder of the San Francisco Trojans flag football team, one of the founding members of the San Francisco Track and Field Club, a Gay Games organizer and multi-gold medalist, Cable Car Award winner, and Apex Award Hall of Fame member.

Born in Chicago, he began receiving sports accolades as a member of the local high school football and track teams. After graduating from Wilbur Wright College, a stint in the US Navy, and a few years living in Europe, Bernard settled in San Francisco in 1976.

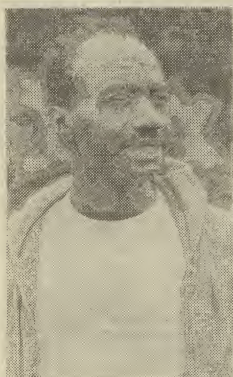
In the gay sports community, Bernard was a "doer," a leader — someone who got things done. Turner preferred to have things done his way, which often rubbed people the wrong way. But he got individuals involved in sports who ordinarily wouldn't have

been. Besides his accomplishments in track and football, Turner was also an original member of both Team San Francisco and the Apex Awards' Board of Directors.

## Recognition Deserved

His involvement in the sports community did not go unrecognized. Besides his many medals in track and field competition, Turner also was awarded the first Cable Car Award given for track and field, the 1992 Apex Award for football, and membership in the Apex Awards Hall of Fame. He was a member of the 4 x 100 relay team that still holds the record of 45.1 seconds in that event, set at the 1986 Gay Games.

Turner discovered his positive HIV status following Gay Games II but continued to compete in both track and football. He was adamant about keeping his status private almost to the end. And despite his status, he continued to make worthy contributions to the sports world. In 1989, while on the muscle-weakening AZT medication, he helped the SFTFC score their highest finish ever at a national track and field championship, as his team placed third in both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays.



In the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver, he led San Francisco to their gold medal in flag football and he also achieved one gold, one silver, and two bronze medals in track and field events. The stubbornness that helped him make gay sports accessible to others was the same driving force that allowed him to carry on athletically when others would have given up.

Turner's influence on the gay sports community will remain as long as gay athletes believe their athletic abilities place them on a competitive par with anyone, gay or straight. And if more gays take up the challenge of athletics as Turner urged them to do, then not only will gay athletes make their presence known by sheer numbers, but their victories will be transposed to a sense of pride felt off the playing field and throughout the community.

## Pool

# SFPA Springs Into 30th Season

Some 28 contenders in four divisions put chalk to cue on February 9 and set the San Francisco Pool Association's Spring season off on a course that will lead its top performers to San Diego in July for West Coast Challenge XXVII.

Division I's hierarchy was established immediately with a league-best score of 15-1 by the Pilsner Puppies. Cinch It Up! and Mo Better Studs appear to be the main contenders for this division's crown.

The Red Barons and the Pilsner Penguins should remain atop Division II with a third playoff spot totally up for grabs.

A similar two-team race is developing in Division III with Cinch-penders and International Borders already pulling away from the rest of the field.

The surprise of the random draw which established the divisional breakdown was the overall strength of Division IV. Every team in it would be a

playoff contender in any other division.

Tien Fu-lushness broke out to a week-one lead but were shocked, 9-7, in week two by Sanctuary Much. Border Patrol took the week-two lead, followed by Cinch Spoilers and Fu-lushness, the team on most short lists of potential finalists.

At each season's start, the league publishes a list of rankings based on four consecutive seasons. By analyzing their place and progress on this list, players can monitor their performance and consistency.

Congratulations to this season's two-year top 16: 1. Lauren Ward, 2. Lisa Duncan, 3. Mark Sharpe, 4. Mark Miller, 5. Tony Phan, 6. Bernard Bayaca, 7. Luby Pelletier, 8. Gary Brower, 9. Ben Napili, 10. Cathy Sutton, 11. Teresa Oliver, 12. David Ranch, 13. Norman Whited, 14. Thayer McDougle, 15. Chris DuCoing, and 16. John Schou. Dial JOE-POOL for information ▼

## Video

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me, a hateful mentality is as hard to watch as physical or psychological violence. So as the sexually explicit material warning flashed at the beginning of *The Gay Agenda*, I steeled myself for the homophobic onslaught to come.

As angry gay protesters demonstrate against Wilson's veto of AB101, break windows and set fires, the narrator, in factual tones, tells the viewer that the gay and lesbian agenda calls for special minority rights. In their/or attempts to change the moral standards of the country, gays are willing to resort to violence.

Images of small children are interspersed, presumably the endangered children of gays and lesbians — and by inference, the endangered children of the nation — and signs flash with the slogan, "God Is Gay." Children, the family, the church, and society as a whole seem at risk from these perverted, godless hooligans.

Having established the existence of a de facto pervert army, a parade of white, reasonable-sounding men appear to testify as to the homosexual menace.

## Recruiting Poster

Homosexuals, we are told, distribute literature that encourages a young man to "masturbate with others, and go express himself sexually with pornography." High rates of hepatitis, syphilis and AIDS infection among gays, HIV rates among adolescents in SF's gay youth support programs, and finally NAM-BLA, a pedophile organization reviled by many in the gay community, complete the list of immoral, disease-ridden rot that resides within the Trojan horse of gay rights.

An unintentionally funny moment occurs when "shopping bag day" is described. In this practice, one sex partner

in a toilet stall stands inside a shopping bag in order to hide his feet and that fact that there is more than one person in the stall. News and advice!

Finally, "restorative therapy" is promoted in testimonials by two now-married men who have been "cured" of their homosexuality. They accuse gays of trying to stifle research by Elizabeth Mosley and other "prominent" psychologists in the field. Anti-gay bigots can take comfort that their aggressive war on gay rights isn't really a hate campaign, but a legitimate campaign whose ultimate goal is to "cure" gays and lesbians and bring them into the heterosexual fold.

## A Question of Reason

What is insidious about the commentary in *The Gay Agenda* is that it sounds so reasonable. By avoiding the homophobic fire and brimstone and sticking to issues of public health and morality, it tries to hide the hate-filled intolerance underlying the words.

GLAAD/SFBA claims that the video's content is potentially explosive within the community, but feels it's important to face this potentially divisive threat, and to protect ourselves through education. Gay activists have taken the offensive by launching their own aggressive media campaign, aimed at the same politicians and military leaders targeted by the fundies. They were sent a rebuttal video that compares *The Gay Agenda* with hate propaganda films like the racist 1940 Nazi film *The Eternal Jew*, and *The Silent Screem*, the bloody, inflammatory anti-abortion film from the '80s.

The entire program of *The Gay Agenda*, including a moderated community discussion, starts at noon. Admission for this 90-minute event is \$6, \$5 for Roxie members. ▼

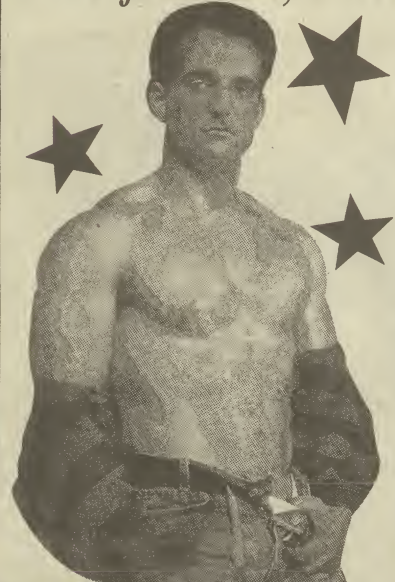
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Raunchy, verbal, ex-USMC, 6'4, 195lbs, 9" bullmeat, 42yo, sks tough oral experts for twisted nites under my bucking pelvis. Men only. EXT. 5770

Redhead alert! Brn/bl, smooth, hard, med bld, sks redhead. No smk, HIVneg, affectionate, clin-cut, hot. EXT. 5771

Btm for hung tops sks long-term rtnshp. E Bay, hairy GLM, 5'3, healthy, HIVpos, great ass and nipples for your pleasure. EXT. 5772

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Hndsm WM, 40yo, wants to meet BM, 40-60yo, for sex and poss rtnshp. EXT. 5775

A flat top and hightops. If you love to wear both, then I'd love to meet you. GWM, 6', 180lbs, 39yo. EXT. 5776

Wntd: round, musc bubble butt on a beefy guy to tongue lick by gdlng, musc, husky WM w/ a bubble butt. EXT. 5777

If you're 5'8 or shorter, smooth, stocky (over 160lbs), BB type, 20-45yo, who needs some help to make ends meet and likes 3 ways

w/two prof, attrac, clin-cut, hung, mid-30s and 40s, call us. We like clean, safe sex. No fats or fems. EXT. 5778

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Asseater wntd. HIVneg wht bi SF manhole sks STD-free hungry mouth and tongue. EXT. 5780

Mid-Eastern top man sought by cute, blue-eyed blond, 5'10, 170lbs, satisfying btm. Let's get passionate. EXT. 5781

Let's make love w/hot kisses, tit work, oral delights. Then pillow talk for hrs. Bright, cheerful GWM, 40s, blond, HIVpos, smkr, sks buddy/mate, 30yo plus. Call. EXT. 5782

I suck cock w/condoms. Me: attrac GWM sucking your cock. You: attrac GWM, 7" plus, layed back wearing condom. EXT. 5783

Are you queer for cock? Not fuck and suck but jerk off, dirty talk, cock on the brain. EBay midnite rambler sks guys for JO, DT, while drinking, partying (1 on 1), late nite, my place. EXT. 5784

GWM, 42yo, 6'4, hairy chest, masc, sks rtnshp w/ a sex addict, 25-40yo, smooth, kinky a plus! Let's live the fantasy! EXT. 5785

Two hot GWMs, 26yo and 24yo, want to meet a 3rd and even a 4th for hot times. We need men! Would like to service you on a reg basis! EXT. 5786

FF top, attrac, sexy, bearded, sensual, 40yo GWM sks attrac GWM, FF btm, w/hungry butt for weekly confidential encounter. EXT. 5787

WM, HIVneg, oral arts master, sks rtnshp w/bi or gay WM/AM/HM, HIVneg, non-smkr/drkr, 35-55yo, inexprd a plus. Serious only apply. EXT. 5788

Brains and muscles too. Gdlng WM, 32yo, wants to meet HIVneg guy in good shape for safe oral fun. Masc men only, 20-36yo. EXT. 5789

Strt or bi WM wntd by GAM for reg massage and safe service. Must be tall, hndsm, masc, I'm 5'10, cute, discreet. EXT. 5790

Boot lick/toe sucker WS btm. A deep throat expert for your service! EXT. 5791

HIVpos top into bondage, TT, SM, 42yo, gdlng, sks HIVpos btm, 5'9, 145lbs or under, for fun and poss rtnshp. EXT. 5792

Squat your hairy (or smooth) crack over my hairy face! I'm 6'2, 196lbs, 50yo plus. You're trim to slim, WM or LM. I have a rim chair. EXT. 5793

GWM, 34yo, 5'11, 155lbs, passv, sks strong, masc, well-endwd man, 34-45yo, who is lkng to start a home, rtnshp w/someone who cares. No smkrs, drugs, alcohol. EXT. 5794

26yo GWM, 6', 165lbs, sensual btm, clin-cut, sexy, sks masc top, 30-45yo, in shape, for dating and more. HIVpos OK. EXT. 5795

Sexy, gdlng, masc, mid-Penin, 46yo, 6', 190lbs, beard, 8" cut, thick, HIVneg, sks slender, smooth, sweet, hot-mouthed HIVneg males. Asian/blk pref. EXT. 5796

Feel my tongue up your hot butt. Me: 6', 155lbs, br/bl, bushy 'stache, 35yo. You: hot and trim. EXT. 5797

Hung guys wntd. I'm skng hung and attrac guys for fun and good times. A plus if hung 8" or 9" or more. EXT. 5798

Hot butt service. Get rimmed and fucked by two hot men. Rimmer: 36yo, br/bl, 6', 160lbs, bushy 'stache. Fucker: 40yo, bl/bl, 6', 150lbs, beard, hairy, thick 10". EXT. 5799

Attrac Hisp, 30yo, HIVneg, 8", sks monog lover, GWM/GHM. Oral sex only, no anal. Protective oral sex nec until we're screened for HIV/STD, and unprotective afterwards if OK. EXT. 5800

Attn: stocky guys. Cute, bl/bl btm, med bld, 5'10, sks a hung,

Healthy HIVpos only. 6', 190lbs, hairy, over 8" cock, top, EBay, lkng for btm or well-endowed top. EXT. 5808

Rough, tough: 5'8, 170lbs, 31yo, br/gr, WM, Musc, masc jock. Sks musc, masc, rugged for safe give/take. No fems or drugs. EXT. 5809

Sexy, romantic, prof, 50yo, 5'8, 150lbs, uncult, topman, dark hair/eyes, lkng to date interesting yngr guys. EXT. 5810

Musc GWM, 5'7, 160lbs, 44yo, br/br, trim beard, romantic, healthy HIVpos, sks spec dom top, physical and emotionally mature for dating/long-term rtnshp. EXT. 5811

21yo GWM, gdlng, slim, hung, sks other gdlng GM or cpl, 20-

great BJ, desires 7" Italn/French, clean, mid yrs, who needs service. All considered. EXT. 5818

Mature, masc GWM, HIVneg, sks obedient boy, 18yo plus, any race, non-smkr. I'm 6', 210lbs, facial/body hair. EXT. 5819

Are you a WM top, 18-30yo, well hung, love to fuck? You're so huge most can't handle? Well, try mel Hot Latin btm, 5'11, 165lbs, 30yo, smooth body, tight ass. I never say no. EXT. 5820

BM, chubby, sks buddy BM bi, 30yo plus, athletic/mechanical. We: masc, HIVneg, self-supporting, naturing, Afrocentric, humorous, sane. Share: films, games, cards, cooking, discussions, cuddling, computers, music. EXT. 5821

Chinese male, 28yo, not into gay scene, novice btm, lkng for masc, strt/bi Asians only for friends or poss more. EXT. 5822

My dick is so hard it hurts. Do you know how to make it feel better? It takes sincere comforting thru my collar, not my waistband! I'm 34yo, wht, 6', 180lbs, bl/bl, hairy body, "creative type." Extra special. Are you? EXT. 5823

Serious muscle fetishist lkng for god to love, worship. 5'9, 165lbs, slim/musc Germn/Irish, 35yo. He is blt like a Man: solid bulges where they oughtta be; maybe also a tad sadistic, for ultimately the most impressive muscle a man can flex is the one btwn his ears. Religious only need respond. EXT. 5824

Very hot 33yo WM, new in SF, slim, hairy, bearded, br/gr, uncult 9". Ready to fulfill any fantasy: BD, SM, two or more. Let your mind go wild! EXT. 5825

Prof Chinese-Am, masc, 45yo lks 35yo, healthy, trim and solid, sks monog, masc AM, 25-40yo, fit, down to earth, caring, HIVneg, no bars, drugs or smkng. EXT. 5826

I'm mid-40s, lkng for same for poss rtnshp. I'm HIVneg, would like to meet same. I love to cook, bake, snuggle, holsem sex. I love to make my man feel like a man. I can make quiet time meaningful. EXT. 5827

Mexican male, 5'4, 135lbs, 36yo, btm, very horny, sks GWM tops for fun. EXT. 5828

Hndsm Latin btm, 29yo, 5'11, 170lbs, hot body, tight bubble butt, skng beefy WM tops, 18-30yo, for some serious butt fkng. Give it to me. EXT. 5829

Are you skilled or edctd? Prof or entrepreneur? Do you love to work or work to love? GWM, 39yo, 6'1, 190lbs, HIVneg, w/dynamite "baby blues," dark hair, lots of body hair, very outgoing, lkng for self-made man, 29-45yo, wht, tall, hndsm, happy to be himself. For fun time and a new outlook. EXT. 5830

GWM, HIVpos, gdlng, br/bl, 6', husky, 210lbs, very much btm, sks top in SF for Gr/Or or almost anything you want. No drugs. Hung and masc a plus. EXT. 5831

Tie you up to get us off! For masc blk, Asian dudes w/lots of pit/crotch hair. Your place. I'm 30s, gdlng, fit, HIVneg. No hassles. EXT. 5832

Play on all my athletic legs. I need exprd ckskrs. EXT. 5839

## BarTalk



## PERSONALS

stocky man for dating, pleasure and more. EXT. 5801

Mutual oral pleasure, great kisses, nipple play, videos, fireplace w/GWM, 40s, blond, 5'9, HIVpos, smkr, rtnshp poss. EXT. 5802

BM wants Latin. Blk man, 36yo, 6'1, 190lbs, wants Latins, 18-35yo, for friends. Must be safe, drug free. Home movies and fun times. I'm very masc. EXT. 5804

Slim, smooth 35yo btm sks hot, horny, in-shape top, 30-40yo, for reg action. Turn-ons: blks and 3-ways. EXT. 5805

Masc, musc guy sks same, 37-45yo. No loose synapses or Saturn rings. EXT. 5806

Gdlng GWM, 41yo, 6', 168lbs, HIVneg, would sincerely like to meet a big, husky, masc, well hung, trim GW cop, 45-50yo, healthy, HIVneg, to respectfully oral service. EXT. 5807

30yo, for intimate times. EXT. 5812

Japanese top, gdlng, 40yo, slim but musc, w/rock-hard cock, sks yngr btm for safe. Any race. Mtn View. EXT. 5813

Treasure Isle — GWM BJ Crusoe, HIVneg, cut, hard, 'stache, lkng for GWM Friday, HIVneg, w/fat, cut stick for oral play. EXT. 5814

Hndsm Asian top, 37yo, 5'9, 150lbs, romantic, horny, sks Asian btm, 25-35yo, slim, smooth, for romance and sex. EXT. 5815

Heavy hung, EBay blk top, 40yo, needs husky, mature, EBay btms for hot quickies. Serious and experienced. EXT. 5816

GWM, mature, gdlng, 170lbs, HIVneg, sks musc, well-blt top, also HIVneg, 30s, for gradual, sensual SM. EXT. 5817

Mature male, GM, great btm,

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# THIS WEEK

## FRIDAY 26

### Dark Cowgirls

**and Prairie Queens**  
Linda Parris-Bailey's rip-roaring drama about African American Western women of the 1800s. \$11-25. 8pm. Mats at 2pm (Sat.) & 3pm (Sun.). Thru 3/7. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St. near 14th, Oakland. (510) 238-7222.

### Butley

Simon Gray's wickedly sardonic play about a bitter college professor and his jealous relationship with a gay student. \$8-12.50. 8pm. Thru 3/6. Somar Theatre, 934 Brannan at 9th. 931-6011.

### Black Teeth

Described as "an obscene, deliberately repellent, mean piece of work," with a wine connoisseur, a sport fisherman and a woman



chained to the wall. Sounds pretty offensive. \$12. 9pm. Thru 3/27. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St. 552-3034.

**Breakfast in the Flesh District**  
Danielle Willis is back with her sardonic monologue of life as a stripper for the seedy Mitchell brothers, with a little Andy Gibb and Gothic Satanism for extra fun. Also Saturdays. \$10. 10pm. Climate Theatre, 252 Ninth. 626-9196.

### Hamlet

Subterranean Shakespeare's unusual cabaret version of the classic tragedy, with excellent combat scenes. \$6-9. 7pm. Thru 3/27. La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. (510) 540-7743.

### Volpone

Greed, lust, deception and other quality traits shine in this update of Ben Jonson's 1606 Jacobean satire. \$23-31. 8pm. Mats. at 2pm (Sun., Sat., Thu.). Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck. (510) 845-4700.

### Real Voices

Monologues, scenes, and pieces from works-in-progress by writers of the Oral History Playwrights Project, including Lee Jenkins' *Dangerous Beauty: Love in the Age of Earthquakes and AIDS*. \$7-10. 8pm. Thru Sun. The Marsh, 986 Valencia near 21st. 641-0235.

### Queen Salmon

A "biologically explicit musical comedy for people of several species" about a town that saves their fish from extinction. 8pm. Thru 3/7. Julia Morgan Theater, Berkeley. (707) 629-3437.

### Jumping the Broom

Comic revue about lesbian and gay weddings. \$8. 8:30pm. Sun. at 7pm. Thru

2/28. Theatre Rhinoceros Studio, 2926 16th. 861-5079.

### Philip Horvitz: Yes I Can

One-man show of songs and monologues tracing the night of Sammy Davis, Jr.'s fateful car crash and the events that surrounded it. A deft and entertaining indictment of racism and homophobia. \$10. 8pm. Thru 3/7. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

### Raft of the Medusa

Joseph Pintauro's drama about people with HIV and AIDS in a support group. \$14-16. 8pm. Sun. 2pm. Thru 3/7. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter. 296-9179.

### Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?

Tuneful drag camp comics smear the lipstick extra wide in a revival of the hit show. \$13-17. 8pm. Sun. 3pm. Thru Feb. Artful Circle Theatre, 47 Waller. 626-KILL.

### Guys and Dolls

Tony Award-winning musical about gangster gamblers and Salvation army saviors, with some good dancing, and Lorna Luft as Miss Adelaide. \$32-55. 8pm. Mats. at 2pm (Sat.) & 3pm (Sun.). Thru 3/6. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St. at Market. (510) 762-BASS.



**Three Little Words, Twyla's Boy**  
(both Thu.)  
Adam Ant

### Bay Area Dance Series

Andrea Vonnay Lee, Catherine Sharpe, and Pearl Ubungen premiere new dance works. Also Sat. at 8pm. Sun. 3pm. Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon at 9th, Oakland. (510) 889-9500.

### Local 7

New dance works by Cid Pearlman, Heather Harpham, Carrie Field, Patricia Craves and others. \$7. 8:30pm. Dancers' Group Footwork, 3221 22nd St. at Mission. 824-5044.

### Star Bar

A cabaret of wannabe stars, freaks and art performances, including Kenny Wonder. \$5. 8pm. Lily's Cocktail Lounge, Market at Valencia. 821-9738.

### Visions of Light:

**The Art of Cinematography**  
The industry's greatest cinematographers talk about their work, with clips from *The Conformist*, *Days of Heaven*, *The Godfather* and other classics. \$6. 1, 3, 5, 7-9pm. Thru 3/4. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.

### Pacific Orchid Exposition

Fabulous exhibit of Thailand's famous floral favorite, with wine and cheese, complimentary wine glass, and a raffle for tickets to Thailand. Preview benefit (6-10pm tonight) \$15. Gen.

admission: \$3-6. Thru Sunday. Fort Mason's Center Festival Pavilion, Pier 3. 665-2468.

### Creative Festival

Hundreds of displays, classes and sales of crafts, from stained glass and sewing, to bows, beading, even making windsocks. Perfect for people with a lot of spare time. Thru Sun. \$6. San Mateo County Expo Center Fairgrounds. 340-9767.

### Living Room Festival

Tension, ambiguity and sexuality, life and death; just a few of the themes in this video series, including Ngozi Onwurah's *The Body Beautiful*, George Kuchar's *Migration of the Blubberoids*, and *Splash*, Thomas Allen Harris' indictment of gender roles. 11pm. Channel 9.

## SATURDAY 27

### Dolls

Philip R. Ford brings the screenplay of Jacqueline Susann's classic '60s novel to the stage, with a '90s twist. A wig-tearing transgender queen fest starring Jade, Arturo Galster, Deena Davenport, Johnny Kat & more. \$12-18. 8:30pm. Thru 3/6. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway in North Beach. 776-8999.

### Crimes in Hot Countries

Central Works' production of Howard Barker's dark political absurdist comedy set in a strange British outpost in a post-WWII African desert. \$8-10. 8pm. Thru 3/27. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-0753.

### Gay Comedy Night

Karen Ripley, Doug Holsclaw, Michael Tee. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.



### Ramblin' Jack Elliot & John Herald

Legendary troubadour and storyteller Elliot performs in a concert with Herald of the Woodstock Mountain Revue. \$9-11. 8:15pm. Noe Valley Music, Neighborhood Concert Hall, 1021 Sanchez St. at 23rd. 282-2317.

### Queen Ida & Her Zydeco Band

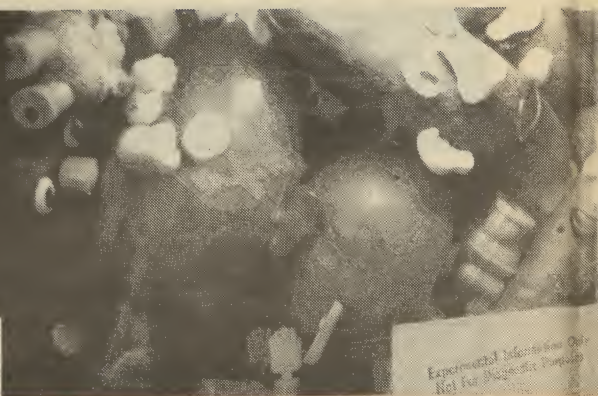
Rousing Cajun tunes, with major accordion action. *Bon temps roulet!* \$12. 9pm. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell. 885-0750.

### Pansy Division, Tribe 8, Hyperdrive Kittens

Gender-bending rockin' times are guaranteed with this triple bill of queer and dyke tunesmiths. \$5. 9pm. Kokomotion, 2779 16th at Folsom. 861-6423.

### Black & White Men Together

Rap topic: "The Man in the Mirror," finding the bigot within. 7pm. 1350 Waller. 826-BWMT.



Did you ever wish you could have that old Partridge Family lunchbox back? Did you ever wonder where it went? Maybe it wound up in **This Is Your Life: Excerpts From the Unknown Museum**, Mickey McGowan's assemblage of cultural gods and gurus (above), from Mr. Potato Head, the Pillsbury Doughboy, Mr. Peanut shrines, and pillars of lunch pails. It's a pop icon explosion, guaranteed to make you wish you'd saved that Barbie board game. \$3. Thru June 12. Tues. - Sat. Falkirk Cultural Center, 1408 Mission at E St., San Rafael. 485-3328.

Get ready for a few good laughs as the **Asian American Theatre Company** celebrates its first twenty years. Included in this non-stop party are LA's cholos in a lunch box, *Culture Clash*, the funniest trio going. Other performers include Charlie Chin, Kennedy Kabasares, A. Manalo and Theatre Au Naturel. Hosted by Ben-Fong Torres. \$25. 8pm. Friday, February 26. 8pm. The Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason Center. 751-2600.

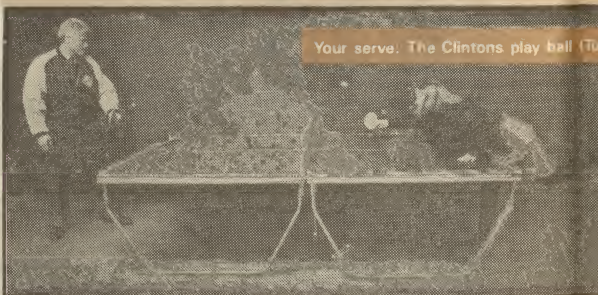


Living Room Festival (Fri.)

### Contraband (Thu.)

Gaelic-eration: Two short films worth noting in the Irish Film Festival this weekend are *Chaero*, about the anti-gay laws governing Ireland, and *The Visit*, in which a man comes to terms with the loss of a lover and his own sexuality. (Sat. 7:30pm). Other films explore Joyce, the I.R.A., religion and music, with a screening of *The Commitments*. The Festival runs Thu.-Sun., Kabuki 8 Cinema, 1881 Post St. (Fri.) and continues at Opera Plaza Cinemas, 601 Van Ness Ave. 381-5057.

Prince Charming is back. **Adam Ant**, that is. What's his new look? Hopefully he's done away with that '80s glam war paint. Maybe he's got a new album. Who knows? Will he make a comeback? We hope so. His queer tunes were ever so inspirational. Will he ever come out? Why not? After all, "Ridicule is nothing to be scared of." Wed. March 3 The Warfield, 982 Market. \$16.50. 8pm. 775-7722.



You serve: The Clintons play ball (Thu.)

**Bottoms Up: Bar-Hopping Queens of the Silver Screen**  
Daniel Mangin shows dozens of campy clips from movies with lesbian and gay bar scenes for a sleazy yet enlightening journey through the idiosyncratic confines of the movieland mendacity. Sponsored by Frameline. \$5. 7:30pm. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St. (btwn. 7th & 8th). 703-8650.



## SUNDAY 28

**Women's Philharmonic Brass**  
Works by Emma Lou Diemer, Sharon Mor Miranda, Germaine Tailleferre, Benjamin Britten and others. \$7.50-\$15. 3pm. Holy Names College Chapel, Oakland. (510) 649-1067.

**MCC's Timeline & Day of Reflection**  
Community-created timeline marking the 12th year of the AIDS pandemic. On display all day. MCC, 150 Eureka St. Service afterward. 7pm. 863-4434.

**Slavyanka**  
Bay Area Slavic men's chorus, in their first concert at Grace Cathedral in five years, performs K.N. Shvedoff's *The Liturgy of St. John of Chrysostom*. \$12. 5pm. Grace Cathedral, atop Nob Hill, at California & Taylor sts. 445-1309.

**Black Caucus Potluck**  
BWMT's potluck brunch. Noon. 334 Noe St. 863-0925.

**Women's Spirituality Gathering**  
An exploration of sexuality, spirituality, and justice. Women of all kinds welcome. 7pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 550-7796.

## MONDAY 1

**Alabama Rain**  
Heather McCutchen's play about five sisters enduring a spiritual drought in the Deep South. \$13-18. 8pm. Mats. at 2pm (Sat.) & 3pm (Sun.). Thru 4/10. Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Concord. (510) 671-3388.

**Masks and Mirrors**  
One-woman healing drama about child sexual abuse and incest by Roberta Nobelman. \$10. 7pm. Grace Cathedral Center for Spiritual Wholeness, 1051 Taylor St. 776-6611.

**Gay Spirituality Group**  
Defining and identifying evil in gay men's lives. 7:30pm. The Paragonage, 555A Castro. 552-2909.

**Gay Comedy Open Mike**  
MC Suzy Berger. Rookies sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

**Let's Get Lost**  
Bruce Weber's biographical portrait of jazz trumpeter Chet Baker. \$5.50. 7 & 9:25pm. Also Tue. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight. 668-3994.

**Fertile Flames**  
Exhibit of blown-up micro-graphic images of sperm and AIDS viruses with African fertility dolls created by artist Oden Santiago. Thru March. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568.

## TUESDAY 2

**Strictly Ballroom Drag Benefit**  
Screening of the tango film to benefit Frameline and Visual Aid. \$10. 7pm. Bridge Theatre, 3010 Geary Blvd., followed by a dance party at 650 Howard St., with a special drag contest. 703-8650.

**Folk Dancing**  
Hoof it up with gay and lesbian folk. 7:30-9:30pm. Eureka Valley Community Center, 18th & Collingwood. 585-9487.

**David Trinidad & Bo Huston**  
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**Cistern Drums**  
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**Dark Cowgirls and Prairie Queens (Fri.)**  
**Ramblin' Jack Elliot (Sat.)**  
**Fertile Flames (Mon.)**

**Clinton: Portrait of Victory**  
Exhibit of Time photographer P.F. Bentley's shots, taken throughout the campaign of Bill, Hillary, and others. Thru 3/20. Noon-5pm. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission. 431-6911.

## WEDNESDAY 3

**I'm Not Perfect**  
Ed Crasnick's emotional travelogue-monologue about family relations, Jewish life in Boston, and *The Ed Sullivan Show*. \$10-12. 8:30pm. Thru 3/28. Asian American Theater, 403 Arguello. 751-2600.

**Antigone**  
New translation of Sophocles' tragedy by Timberlake Wertenbaker, about a woman's conflict over personal rights and government enforcement. \$10-23 (previews), \$11-36. Thru 4/4. Stage Door Theater, 420 Mason at Geary. 749-2ACT.

**The Moral Life Who Cares?** Five week lecture series on moral choices in modern life, from ecology to death, health care, abortion. 7:30pm Wednesdays thru 3/31. Grace Cathedral, 1051 Taylor St. 776-6611.

**Iris Center Women's counseling and recovery services.** Lesbian groups, free childcare, counseling services. HIV/AIDS program. 333 Valencia St. Room 222. 864-2364.

**AIDS Risk Study** Sponsored by GAPA HIV Project and UCSF, this study seeks gay/bisexual Asian or Pacific Islander men for questionnaires, one night safer sex workshop. Stipend included. 575-3932.

**Women's Action Coalition** Tuesdays, 7:30pm. The Women's Building, 3543 18th St. WAC Hotline: (510) 869-2584.

**For Women Only Fundraiser** sponsored by Living Sober a conference for people in recovery from alcohol. Hosted by SF G & L members of AA, Childcare provided. Feb. 27, 8:30-12:30pm. St. Paulus Lutheran Church, 950 Gough. 552-0142.

**Team SF General Membership Meeting**, Sat. March 6, 3pm. Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Collingwood. 824-8118.

**Project Inform Town Meeting** Overview of HIV disease, immune monitoring and treatment strategy for HIV positive people. 7:30pm, March 3, MCC, 150 Eureka St. 558-9051.

**Planet of the Apes**  
Futuristic simian classic, with Roddy McDowell and Kim Hunter as two of the cutest chimps. Nearly nude Charlton Heston looks pretty good, for a fascist right-wing reactionary. \$5.50. 2:15, 7:15, 9:30pm. Also Thu. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight St. 668-3994.

**Bent Stokke's The Ship**  
Oslo-based artist who uses ash to create her installation that evokes the memory of sailing ships. Thru March 20. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St. 626-5416.

## THURSDAY 4

**Mira, Cycle II...The Fall**  
Contraband's second in a trilogy of dance, song and imagery works inspired by 16th-century Indian poet and mystic Mirabai. Opening night (tonight) is a benefit for S.F. Women Against Rape. \$12.50-25. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. 621-7797.

**Twyla's Boy**  
Charles E. Polly's hilarious account of growing up gay in Appalachian Kentucky. \$7-12. Thru 3/28. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia near 22nd. 641-0235.

**Three Little Words**  
Lisa Gray's cabaret act of love songs, including jazz and ballads, with guest vocalist Tracy Goodwin. \$10. 8pm. Thru 3/14. The Blue Muse, 409 Gough at Hayes. 626-7505.



**Living in a Glass Closet: Laws, Society, and Gay Men**  
Jamie Kershaw's performance about legal limits, written and unwritten, against gay men in the legal system. \$2. 7pm. Hastings Law School, Room K (198 McAllister).

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**Mr. Marcus**

## Leathermen Going for the Gold

It's that time of year again. Since last fall, leathermen have been competing for leather bar and club titles that will take them to the International Mr. Leather competition in Chicago on Memorial Day weekend. Hundreds of people have already bought their tickets for the big event, and hundreds have already placed their hopes on the men who hope to succeed Lenny Broberg, the current International Mr. Leather.

New York City was one of the first to name their contestant, Randy Delaney, who competed last year as Mr. Spike Leather. In Washington, D.C., the Centaur Motorcycle Club staged their annual Mid-Atlantic Mr. Leather contest with Frank Nowicki topping over two dozen other candidates, and in Seattle, Joel McClanahan was chosen to represent that city on Feb. 7.

The Mr. Midwest Leather competition was held in St. Louis just two weeks ago, and Tony Terry will represent that city in May. Oklahoma was also one of the first with their contest held in Tulsa where Craig Poos took the title, and on March 13, Mr. Leather Colorado will be chosen in Denver.

Here on the home front, the Watering Hole was the first out with their competition held throughout February to send a candidate to the Mr. SF Leather contest to be held at the California Club on Saturday, April 3. Last Friday, Feb. 19, Richard Faust outscored four other men to take the title.

The Edge, Jackhammer, Pit and Headquarters bars will each stage a one-night only competition. Mr. Jackhammer Leather will be chosen on Wednesday, March 3. The winner will get a whopping \$500 cash and a sash. The competition will be emceed by Carlos of Image Leather. Already a half-dozen applicants have registered to compete. Applications are available from any bartender.



Mr. Hairy Chest '93 Lynn Odvody was the popular choice of the judges and the crowd at the benefit by Philip Turner that garnered \$2,442 for the AIDS Emergency Fund.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Beginning Thursday, March 4, the battle for Mr. SF-Eagle Leather will consist of three preliminary heats (also on Thursdays, March 11 and 18) and the finals on Thursday, March 25, for \$300 and a title vest.

Ms. Headquarters Leather Queen Cougar will get a new partner on Tuesday, March 9, when the current Mr., Art Tomaszewski, sashes his successor, who'll win \$300 cash and a title vest.

The Edge will stage their competition on Friday, March 19. At my deadline, no details or prizes had been announced, but applications are available even as you read this.

Mr. Pit Leather John Lopez has not yet given me the date of the Mr. Pit Leather '93 contest, but I'll let you know as soon as I find

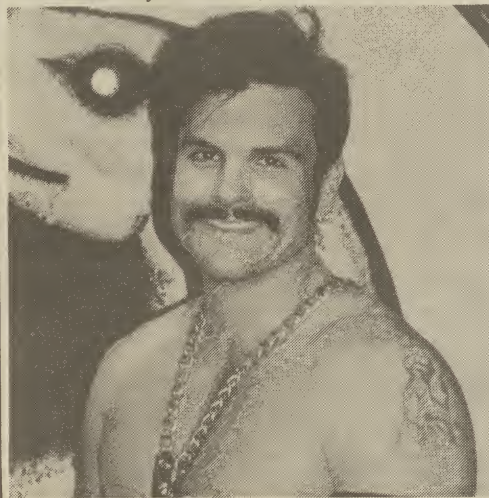
out. This brings the total to five possible contenders, but remember, you need not be a bar or title holder to compete in the Mr. SF Leather contest. Anyone can enter. Since there is no fairy godfather or godmother to underwrite this year's competition, there is a \$25 entry fee for all contestants. Applications will be available anytime after March 1; if you want one, call 923-9811 or 864-3220.

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Busy times around here last week. Tuesday, Feb. 16, five semifinalists competed for the Mr. Hairy Chest '93 title judged by Matthew Joseph, Queen Cougar and Harry Lit, last year's winner. The Philip Turner production raised a total of \$2,442 for the AIDS Emergency Fund. It was a raucous, raunchy, laugh-filled evening, with Lenny Broberg co-emceeing as thousands (well, hundreds) cheered. When it was all over, Lynn Odvody took the cash, the sash and the title. Good show all around and thanks to all who participated as judges.

Thursday, Feb. 18, IML '88 Mike Pereyra, Randy Andy of Headquarters Bar and Mr. April '93 Bare Chest Nic Visconti judged seven hopefuls for a spot on the '94 calendar. As Luis Cordero's video cameras whirled, they went through the paces, bowed to the outbursts of applause, and when it ended, Ted Downer took the spot. Due to the Mr. SF Eagle leather heats, the bare chest contests are on hold until Thursday, April 1, when they'll be selecting Mr. May '94.

Friday, Feb. 19, while people were being honored at the AIDS Emergency Fund Kick-



Ted Downer prevailed over six other contenders for the Mr. March '94 Bare Chest Calendar spot at the Eagle, last Thursday, Feb. 17.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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## Mr. Marcus

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off dinner at the Fashion Center, the Watering Hole picked their leatherman. When it was all over, Richard Faust prevailed and got the cash, the sash and the title. Congratulations.

At the Fashion Center, hundreds dined at an elegant dinner donated by several restaurants, and silent bids were taken on oodles of items — the leather things stashed away in a secluded corner.

Jo Carol proved to be quite a sound/mike checker while pissing off the stage manager, Mike Salinas, with a crack about him being "the Chelsea Clinton of the AIDS Emergency Fund," a crack nobody quite understood. The surprise entertainment of the evening was the current rage on all the charts, En Vogue, who did their numbers, mikes or no mikes, and professional all the way. It was a grand evening, and lots of people were recognized for their efforts on behalf of the AEF.

Well, by Saturday, the busybodies were exhausted but managed to traipse South of Market to the Giftcenter Pavilion for another marathon imperial coronation. It was quite campy, with a Crash Landing With Wacky Survivors theme. Douglass and Mozarella wore rags most of the evening after they were brought in on stretchers.



Hot, hairy spectator at the Mr. Hairy Chest contest last week. Maybe he'll consider entering next year?

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)



Russ Gaspard was the runner-up in the Mr. Hairy Chest Contest last week at Headquarters Bar.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Court after court promanaded the runway, elegant and not-so-elegant. It was hard to tell who wore the biggest, gaudiest crown. Why former San Francisco emperors insist on wearing crowns is a mystery to me. Simeon, get real! Dowager Empress VIII Maxine joined me in celebrating our 20th anniversary and looked stunning in a shimmering black gown by Lady Herman, always a supremo designer. So a new reign begins with cowboy-type David the emperor and Jackie the empress. Best wishes for a successful and campy reign. Remember, I said campy!

The Shanti Project erected their own canvas building for their beer bust at the Eagle on Sunday. The court of Portland, Oregon was there in full force, and thousands were raised for AIDS patients to attend the March on Washington. Good show. Sorry I missed you, Crispie! I didn't

see anyone "obeying" Eric Rofes except Shanti employees.

### The Dish Mobile Roars

Memo for dowager Leather Daddy Don Thompson: No, I will not retract anything! Remember, the truth shall set you free, darrrling!

They're guffawing all over the Castro about that bartender who, last week while counting out his bank, dropped the bills in the dishwasher. He promptly placed the wet dollars in the microwave and set it for ten minutes on high. Result: crispy critters. Same dude placed wet bills outdoors to dry last year and when the water evaporated, so did the money, blowing all over the Castro to the delight of various street people and tipsy queens! He'll be in hock forever! And speaking of the Castro, Nelson at Headquarters decided not to compete in Gay Games IV in the hurdles after all. Wise move.

The dowager Mr. NLA Bill Miranda-Salzman of New York is on a personal crusade that has the entire international and domestic leather community in a big uproar. According to extremely reliable sources, Salzman is threatening to, and encouraging others, to boycott the Intl. Mr. Leather contest in Chicago because IML Lenny Broberg dares to go to Denver to emcee the Mr. Colorado Leather Contest and demonstrate with Denver's leather community against the dude who started the whole anti-gay initiative

there. Leather activists are threatening to boycott the Leather Journal's Pantheon of Leather Awards in Florida next month and the NLA's Living in Leather in October if Mr. Salzman doesn't come to his senses. It would be different if Lenny was going there to ski, cruise or vacation.

Somewhere along the way, Miranda-Salzman became unclear on the concept of the Colorado Boycott, and all the money he spent on postage to mail out his diatribe would probably be best served in a more productive pursuit. We're boycotting straight Colorado not gay Colorado! ▼

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## Affairs to Remember

**Saturday, Feb. 27:** Unless you're at the Mardi Gras in Sydney, attend the Shirt Off Your Back Auction at the Eagle at 2000-2400. \$8 with performances by B.C. Cliver and Kim Wallace, benefiting AEF and IML.

**Mr. New Mexico Drummer** contest at The Ranch Bar in Albuquerque tonight at 2000. Hordes of Drummer celebrities will be there to observe and judge. Always a hot time in Albuquerque in February.

**Sunday, Feb. 28:** Memorial service for IML '85 Patrick Toner at 1300 today at Chez Mollet. Bring photos you want to share with everyone.

The Gold Rush square dancers host the beer/soda bust at the SF-Eagle today from 1500-1800. Your \$8 benefits the Rita

Rockett AIDS Ward Sunday dinners at SF General.

**Dowager Empress I Jose** drags royalty and the curious to the Woodlawn Cemetery in Colma to honor her husband Joshua Norton at 1100 with Gail Wilson doing vocal honors. They didn't say where to meet or how to find the grave. If you're morbid enough, you'll find it!

**Thursday, March 4:** First heat of three in the search for Mr. SF-Eagle Leather tonight at 2130. Winner will compete for \$300, title vest and the title on Thursday, March 25.

**Weekend, March 4-7:** Pacific Bears California LMC hosts the Satyricon of Las Vegas for the weekend-long Nevada AIDS Project benefit. More details next week. ▼

## Sweet Lips

## A New Royal Pair

What a great coronation it was this year with Empress Maxine's 20th anniversary walk and Portland's entrance. I want to congratulate our new Emperor David and Empress Jackie; I hope you two have a great reign together.

Well, it seem Ginger's Trois couldn't do without him, so Mason Bowling is back on the plank Thursdays and Fridays from 3 p.m. on. Do drop by. And Trixie is still at the piano bar doing his thing.

A lovely wedding was held on Valentine's Day at the Polk Rendezvous for Scott Foley and Stephan Lanning. The place was beautifully decorated with flowers and, of course, a fantastic buffet by master caterer Dennis Tyler. I'd also like to welcome Dolly

Dale back on the plank at the Polk Rendezvous. His buddy, Dick Cook of the Reflections Bar, is happy to have him home. Right, Mr. Bankovich?

It was nice to have Steve Suss of Portland Embers/Avenue here as a house guest

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Valentine's Day at Gilmore's: Lips, Jan, and Corey fun, ha!

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## Spies

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minute of unsuccessful negotiations, the women give up. I'm amazed how easily they back down. One of them, a tall, striking woman, her hair swept up (why didn't I think of that?) presses up against me in line. She's talkative, friendly, attractive, and probably oblivious to the effect she's having on me. But she seems to check me out as we do our makeup together, or is it merely my imagination?

Inspired by Noreen, I

make my own journey. The men's loo proves very quiet. One guy enters, very preppy, cute — the kind I like to tie up and put eyeliner on. He seems to be cruising me as we stand at the urinals, or is it merely my imagination?

Having done the bar and the bathrooms, we take on the coat check gal. She's tall, friendly, and could be a natural blonde, we think.

"What's Johnny Love like? Is he as good-looking as his reputation?"

"I don't know, he's just a really nice guy. He remembers people's names."

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The infamous Johnny Love with waitresses Mitzi Walters (left) and Libby Mintline

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**Johnny Love**  
has bangs? My  
visions of  
Fabio  
evaporate in  
favor of the  
Little Dutch  
Boy.

"Which one is he?"

"He's at the end of the bar. He's got bangs."

Bangs? My visions of Fabio evaporate in favor of the Little Dutch Boy. We muscle our way to a table next to the front door for a full view of the entire bar, but Johnny is hidden behind the crowd. We hit up a nearby blonde.

"Who comes here?"

"On Saturday? Yuppies, celebrities, tourists. Lots of tourists on a Saturday. Sometimes whole shuttles."

"Which night is the best?"

"For me, Wednesday. It's very local."

"Would you call this a pickup bar?"

"It's more a place where you meet someone that you might go out with on the weekend."

"Then sleep with them?"

"No comment."

"What's Johnny Love like?"

"He's a big charmer."

"We were expecting Fabio."

"No, he's not like that. It's not so much what he looks like, it's his charm. He's a nice guy."

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Midnight strikes. A long line snakes out from the men's room door, blocking it open. Lots of macho bravado within. "You should have been here the other night, man, there was nothing but women here." "Hey, baby!" yells a man at the urinal as a woman passes by the open door. She ignores him.

The line for the women's room is shorter, which is good, because the women are much surlier about waiting. Kevin and Andie have

moved and are making out next to the cigarette machine. We cut through the dance floor as couples slow dance to "It's a Man's World."

Three scantily clad women dance on the bar down at Johnny's end. We assume Johnny is working them into a frenzy. We crane our necks for a better view of our prey, but the captain of the football team takes a position in front of us. We make lame jokes about his tight end until he edges away and, suddenly, there's Johnny Love. Shocked, we sit back down. "He just looks like this Irish guy."

Johnny Love, as it turns out, is average looking. Average hair, average height. Not a he-man or super hunk. The singles dreamboat of the '90s isn't Fabio, he's just Mr. Nice Guy. Things have changed.

I cruise past the bar to get a better look. Love looks better up close. He smiles. It's one of those radiant smiles. A charming, toothpaste commercial kind of smile. I'm beginning to understand the allure. But what of his reputation as a ladies' man? There is no line of lovesick women lining up at the bar, only male patrons, giving him the high five. "All right, Johnny!" So much for male bonding.

The evening is in full swing and packed with gyrating bodies when we hit the dance floor. The room is suddenly awash with women in furs (does Aretha know about this place?), then Frank Jordanites, men in tuxedos, and dolled-up blondes arrive in waves. Someone near us says Johnny Love has taken to the dance floor. A Fabio look-alike brushes past. Have we

been misled?

Word reaches Johnny that we want to meet him and he arrives, the nice Irish guy. Our cover gone, we introduce ourselves. Johnny smiles, he's charming. Of course he'll pose for a photo. He puts his arms warmly around us, buys us a drink. Then he's gone, back dispensing charm behind the bar.

It's last call, but the bar has already thinned out — no legions of horny, desperate singles looking for a last minute pickup. Kevin and Andie have slipped out into the night. The women's room has become really ugly — one woman pounds on a stall, demanding entry, while another throws up. It's definitely closing time, bar style. All things considered, I was prepared for a '70s-style meat market, but discovered something more personal and human. Whether this is San Francisco's famous diversity or the calming effect of '90s sexual reality, I don't know. But I still wish there were a condom machine in the women's room.

Part of me wants to delve further, to explore the singles scene more deeply. But I figure, when all is said and done, the outcome would probably be the same. Love is never the way you expect it to be. ▼

## Sweet Lips

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for a week. He spent most of his evenings at the Square Piano Bar and Restaurant at Mason and Geary where David Lincoln Brooks entertains Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 9:30 p.m. on. He is a wonderful performer.

Larrie Merlin presents Mardi Gras Three at Lily's at 4 Valencia Street on Saturday, February 27, with hosts former Emperor Douglas Stromberg and Empress Velveta Mozzarella and featuring the Mardi Gras King

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The popular Jerry Davis is at Carnaval in Mazatlan, and I'm sure he'll have some tall tales to tell when he gets back.

And the ever popular Dick Petroff returns to the plank at Gilmore's March 1 after a month's vacation. Drop by and welcome him back to the city — and to work.

Don't forget that Craig "Ruth" Daley is still one of the brunch waiters at Charpe's Grill, which serves

wonderful Sunday brunches. Plus, five nights a week that cute and personable Jeff is on the plank pouring drinks.

Any donations to the Attilio Grillo Foundation — set up by his lover Gus and friends in Klamath Falls, Oregon, through the Klamath AIDS Center — can be sent to the Klamath AIDS Foundation, 310 Main St., Klamath Falls, Ore. 97601. Support this worthy cause.

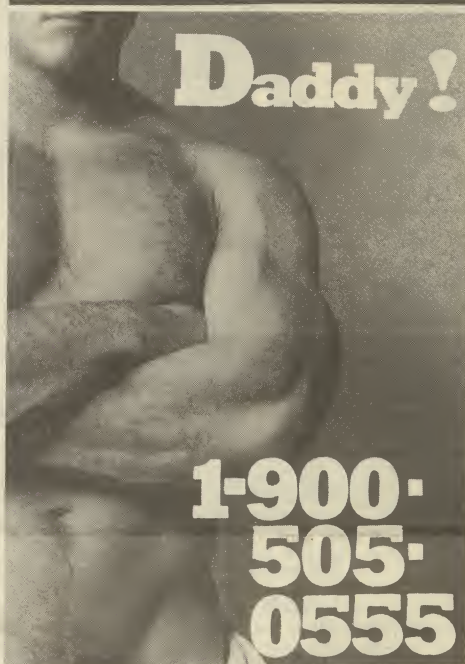
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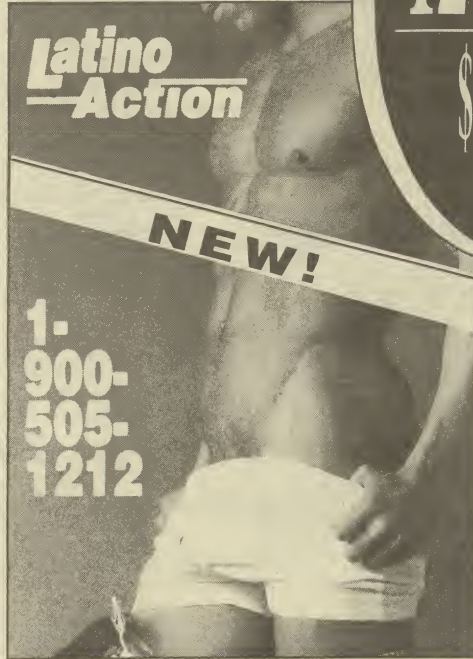
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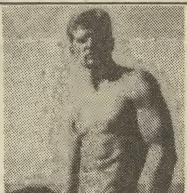
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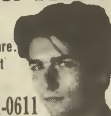
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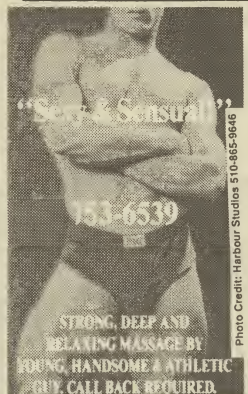
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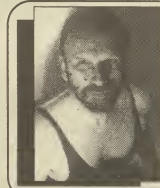


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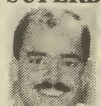
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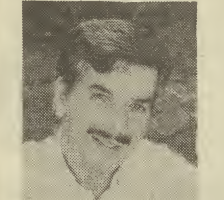
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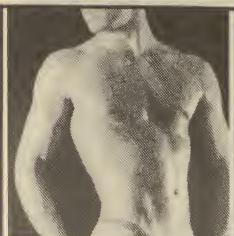


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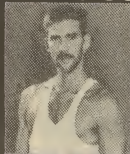
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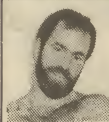


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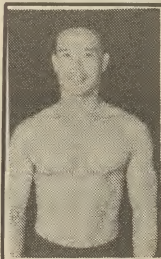
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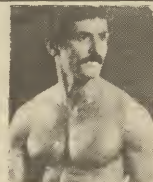


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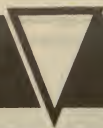
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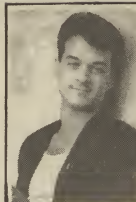
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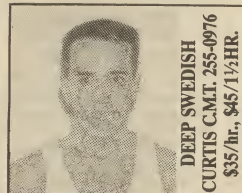


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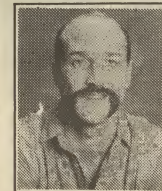
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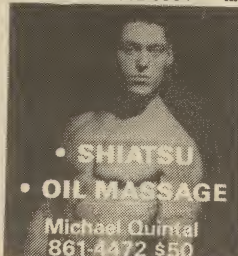
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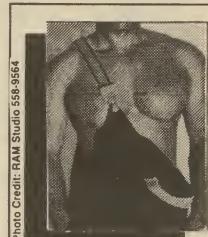
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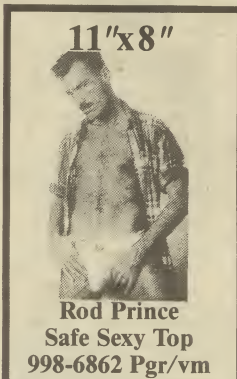
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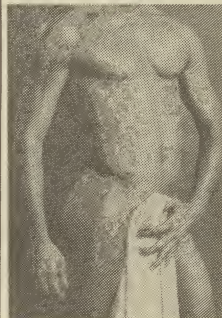
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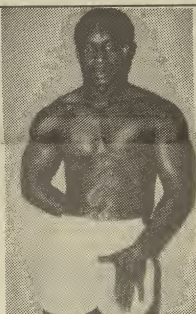
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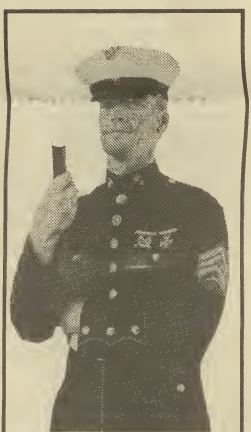
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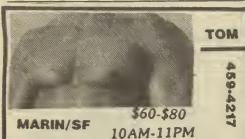
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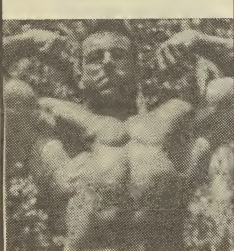
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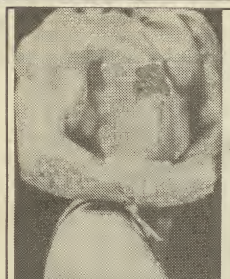
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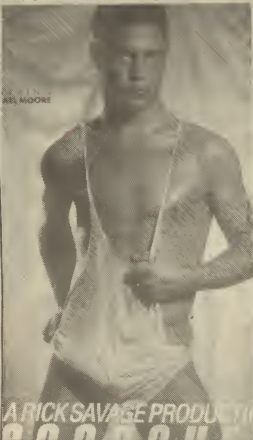
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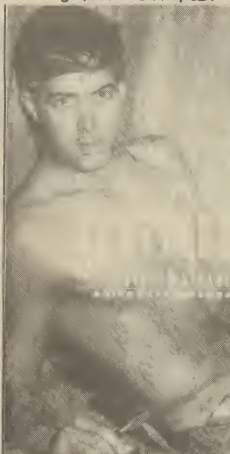
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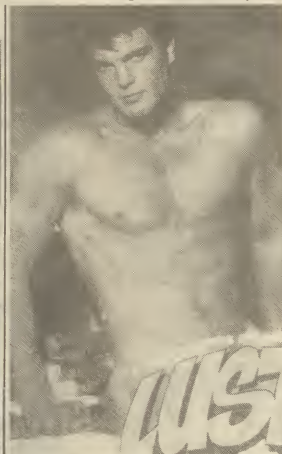
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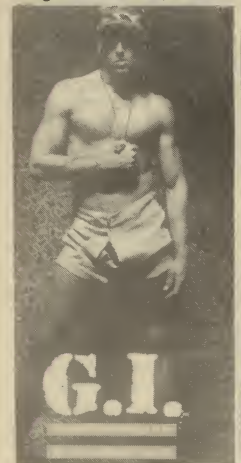


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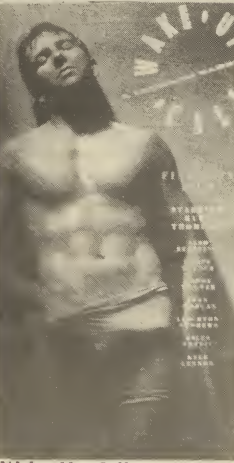
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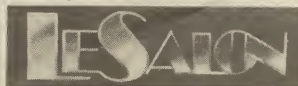


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